

Israeli jet downed but Shamir says raids will continue

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, issued a blunt warning yesterday, after Israeli air strikes on Syrian-held targets near Beirut that Israel would continue to launch preemptive raids and would introduce new tactics against "terrorists in Lebanon and elsewhere".

A military communiqué said that the raids on targets close to the Beirut-Damascus highway, in Syrian-controlled Lebanon, came in response to "a long series to terrorist action, attacks and attempted attacks against Israeli soldiers, including the planting of a roadside explosive in Sidon last Thursday which caused the death of an Israeli soldier and the wounding of six others."

Speaking last night on the Arabic service of Israel television, the Prime Minister repeated threats to Syria's repeated threats to go to war with Israel. He claimed that Israel possessed all the necessary information about Soviet missiles sited on Syrian territory, adding: "The Syrians must know that whoever dares to attack Israel will be punished."

First, the Israeli jets flew up the Lebanese coastline above ships of the US Sixth Fleet before turning over the US Marine base to begin their bombing runs. Yet the Americans, who claim they have no foreknowledge of Israeli raids, made no attempt to defend their fleet or clear the airspace over the multinational force, suggesting they knew of the raid in advance or coordinated it with the Israelis.

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Three shot dead in gospel hall

Three people were shot dead when gunmen burst into a gospel hall in the border village of Darkey, near Keady, Armagh. First reports indicated that seven other people were injured.

Schmidt plea on missiles fails

Despite a powerful appeal from former Chancellor Schmidt, the Social Democratic Congress in Cologne rejected the deployment of new Nato missiles in West Germany. Page 6

Falkland forum

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Villain to hero

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Shopping spree

High street shops should see a record Christmas spending spree. Almost 80 per cent of retailers expect November sales to be up on a year ago, according to the CBI. Page 15

Hit for six

Mr Graham Wain, father of the sextuple born in Liverpool on Friday. Doctors twice saved the babies from possible death before the birth. Page 3

Shergar colt

A colt of Shergar, the stolen Derby winner, was sold for 260,000 guineas at Goffs bloodstock sales in the Irish Republic. Photograph, page 3

The Times

We regret that following an industrial dispute earlier editions of The Times on Saturday appeared with certain pages not in normal sequence. Some items were omitted from all editions.

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Jumbo tour in Kipling country



Sahib on safari: The Duke of Edinburgh on top of Vandevi on his way to inspect the tigers of Kanha in central India yesterday. (Roar of disapproval, page 6)

Three Kremlin factions emerge as Andropov fails to re-appear

From Richard Owen, Moscow

President Andropov's continued absence is creating a power vacuum in the Kremlin and has already led to "extraordinary tensions" in the leadership, sources say. This coincides with the beginning of a campaign fully to rehabilitate the late President Brezhnev.

measures strengthening ties between the Interior Ministry and the party structure. Sources said that although he was appointed by Mr Andropov - and was close to him when head of the KGB in Ukraine - General Fedorchuk was now supporting Mr Konstantin Chernenko.

Mr Andropov has not been seen since August 18 and did not attend the annual Red Square parade on November 7. Medical sources say he has had a kidney operation. There are persistent reports that this involved a kidney transplant - possibly an artificial kidney from the US but this cannot be confirmed.

to the city he ruled for 13 years before moving to Moscow as party secretary. The third faction, surrounding Mr Geidar Aliyev, is something of an unknown quantity. Like Mr Chernenko, Mr Aliyev, who is an Azerbaijani, has been in the limelight as chairman of a Politburo committee, on consumer goods. Mr Chernenko heads the committee on education.



Gen. Fedorchuk (centre) plays the key role with Andropov (left) and Chernenko (right).

President Andropov is said to be under pressure to reappear in public at the earliest opportunity to make it clear he is still in command and to put a stop to factional manoeuvring before it gets out of hand. He is continuing to make authoritative statements on international affairs through Tass and Pravda, but party officials now preparing for next month's crucial Central Committee are looking for a firm lead and a visible leader.

Spy inquiry sought on South African

There is concern in Western intelligence circles that a highly-placed South African naval officer now on trial for treason may have passed on to the Russians plans for the possible use by the West of the Simonstown naval base in the event of war. However, British security authorities appeared to be less concerned yesterday about suggestions that he may have disclosed information on British equipment. They dismissed a claim that information from him could have contributed to

By Rodney Cowton, Michael Hornsby in Johannesburg and Craig Seton

the sinking of HMS Sheffield and HMS Coventry during the Falklands conflict.

Mr Ted Leadbitter, Labour MP for Hartlepool, who exposed the Anthony Blunt scandal, has tabled a question in the House of Commons calling for a full statement from the Prime Minister.

Mr Kenneth Warren, Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye, has written to the Prime Minister asking her to allow the Security Commission to investigate the case.

If Mrs Margaret Thatcher feels there has been a serious breach of British security, a reference to the commission would be an almost automatic course of action. However, there was no indication last night that she was intending to approach the commission.

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Grenada to top agenda in Delhi

From Michael Hamlyn Hyderabad

Mrs Margaret Thatcher arrives in Delhi tomorrow for the Commonwealth Heads of State government meeting certain to hear a welter of complaint about the American invasion of Grenada.

While she has expressed reservations about the paucity of American consultation before the invasion, several other Commonwealth members denounce the operation and will not hesitate to say so. President Forbes Burnham of Guyana will be foremost among them.

Mr Burnham is likely to have the support of Mr George Chambers, the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, but the heaviest criticism will probably come from Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, who yesterday said: "Nothing can justify the Grenada invasion. It is incompatible with the fundamental laws of international conduct."

The Grenada debate could turn into an argument between three women prime ministers as Miss Eugenia Charles of Dominica may also appear at the conference.

Miss Charles is the Chairman of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, which invited Washington to intervene, and she will have the support of the other Caribbean governments assisting the Americans, notably Mr Edward Seaga, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, and Mr Tom Adams, the Prime Minister of Barbados.

All sides will be hoping for approval of the activities of the Commonwealth Secretariat, led by Mr Sonny Rampal, who has helped to establish the new Grenadian Government. Mrs Thatcher is likely to find herself at odds with Mrs Gandhi again when it comes to discussing the economic relations between the rich and the poor countries of the world.

Government admits Sellafeld concern

By David Nicholson-Lord

The Government yesterday declared itself dissatisfied with safety standards at the nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafeld, in Cumbria, after a radioactive slick drifted inshore from the plant's Irish Sea discharge pipeline, closing a 200-yard stretch of beach.

The beach was reopened yesterday afternoon after being guarded by the police since the slick was sighted on Friday. The incident brought a call from Greenpeace, the environmental group, for immediate suspension of discharges, and prompted strong criticisms from Mr William Waldegrave, an Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend, Mr Waldegrave said that the Government had been worried for some years about the pipeline discharges and had pressed British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), which operates the plant, to reduce them. That had happened but there was still room for progress.

Mr Waldegrave said that the Government's aim was to reach a position where nothing measurable was added to existing levels of radiation. Safety standards had to be "better than the best". Asked whether BNFL had been meet-

30,000 miners respond to new redundancy offer

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

About 30,000 miners over the age of 50 have applied for new redundancy payments, but only those few thousand at or near to pits which are closing are entitled to apply for the money offered by the National Coal Board. The number of requests represents about two out of three pitmen over 50, and is being put forward by the Government as an indictment

Dickinson to train for Sangster

Michael Dickinson, the champion National Hunt trainer for the past two seasons, is to switch to flat racing in 1986 when he will be private trainer to Robert Sangster, the Pools millionaire and leading racehorse owner (Michael Seely writes). Mr Dickinson will be based at Whatcombe, the historic training centre in Oxfordshire, for which Mr Sangster is believed to have paid around £2m. Mr Dickinson, who brought off the remarkable feat of saddling the first five horses in this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup, said yesterday that he would continue to train jumpers at Harewood in Yorkshire until 1986.

Closed shop talks go on at Acas

By Barrie Clement

Talks at the offices of the conciliation service ACAS aimed at resolving the National Graphical Association's action against the Stockport Messenger group continued yesterday amid threats that the dispute would spread to national newspapers and magazines. The dispute concerns the long-running argument over closed shop practices. In a separate dispute, members of SOGAT '82 were expected to extend their unofficial "secondary picketing" of magazines in response to the closure with a loss of 550 jobs of the British Printing and Communication Corporation (BPCC) plant in Park Royal, London.

SOGAT's national council will today decide whether to back their members who took action over the weekend disrupting the distribution of Sunday newspaper colour magazines in sympathy with their colleagues at Park Royal. Meanwhile, Mr Joe Wade, general secretary of the NGA, is likely to be advised today by a special meeting of the TUC's employment committee that he should pay the £50,000 fine imposed last week for contempt of court. He will refuse, inform them of his prediction that his national council will tomorrow back his refusal and tell them that he will be calling on the full General Council of the TUC to give his union financial backing. The NGA's assis could be under threat of confiscation. Mr Wade's union, which continued to picket the Messenger's Warrington work, yesterday, is attempting to negotiate a closed shop on the company's new three-sheet newspaper.

Cruise arrests pack crowded cells

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Arrests of cruise missile protesters in the past two weeks have increased prison overcrowding and put record numbers of people into police cells. Such is the pressure on space that prisoners awaiting trial in London, are having to be detained more than 100 miles from the capital. Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, who will today announce the building of four new prisons, faces the danger of breaking his promise, made in July, to end the use of police cells for detained prisoners by the end of the year.

Last week the number of people detained in police and court cells reached a record 511. Mr Michael Romain, a London solicitor, told The Times yesterday that his firm had clients on remand as far away as Boston, Lincolnshire, and Leamington Spa. Not only was it difficult to prepare a client's case, but ordinary visits to arrange for someone to stand bail were limited, if not impossible. Two or three prisoners are being held without proper sanitation in jail cells the Victorians built to hold one. One of the wings at Wormwood Scrubs, London, which has been out of use for the past three years, will, however, be available again early in the new year. By next November, another 190 cells in a remand wing at Brixton, are also expected to come back into use after refurbishing. From January, short-sentence prisoners will qualify earlier for parole, and this will start taking effect in July. By 1985, the change is expected to result in a reduction of about 2,000 in the prison population. Despite Mr Brittan's talk of tough new measures for violent offenders, the ultimate increase in the prison population is expected to be no more than about 500. The Government's main hope of ending jail overcrowding lies in a new target of 10,000 more prison places by 1991. The four new jails, part of that programme, are intended for Milton Keynes - a local prison with nearly 600 places by 1988; March, Cambridgeshire - to hold 432 prisoners; not in the most dangerous category; a £12m establishment in Lancashire for young offenders; and a local prison at Bicester, providing 600 places by 1989 to relieve Oxford jail, one of the oldest in the country. Mr Brittan announced at the Conservative Party conference last month that he was providing 4,800 places in 10 new prisons by 1991 and 4,000 extra places by redeveloping existing prisons. The four new prisons he will announce today will add a further 2,000.

GERMANY advertisement for GFTTOURS offering charter flights to Munich, Berlin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, and Stuttgart. Includes contact information for German Tourist Facilities Limited.

Tory MPs in campaign for an alternative to Fortress Falklands

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Several Conservative MPs are involved in a move to set up a new forum of politicians from all parties, academics and businessmen aimed at promoting a peaceful settlement of the Falkland Islands dispute between Britain and Argentina.

Delicate discussions are taking place at Westminster about the group, expected to be called the South Atlantic Committee, which it is hoped will be formed by Christmas. Foreign Office ministers have been made aware of the initiative.

Its leaders recognize that they are on sensitive ground and do not expect a warm response for their plans from the Prime Minister, who has repeatedly expressed the view that there is no option to the Fortress Falklands policy.

Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexleyheath, and Mr George Foulkes, Labour MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, who are the key figures behind the move, both served on the all-party Com-

mons select committee on foreign affairs which, though its report was never officially published, earlier this year questioned the long-term viability of a Fortress Falklands policy. It concluded that the government should not turn its back on talks with Argentina.

Neither has been reappointed to the committee, whose membership was fixed last week. Mr Foulkes would not have been able to serve as he had recently been appointed to Labour's front bench as a spokesman on Europe.

The initiative has support already from the Liberal and Social Democratic parties. One of the academic members is likely to be Dr Walter Little, a specialist on Latin-American affairs, who was the chief adviser to the select committee in its inquiry on the Falklands.

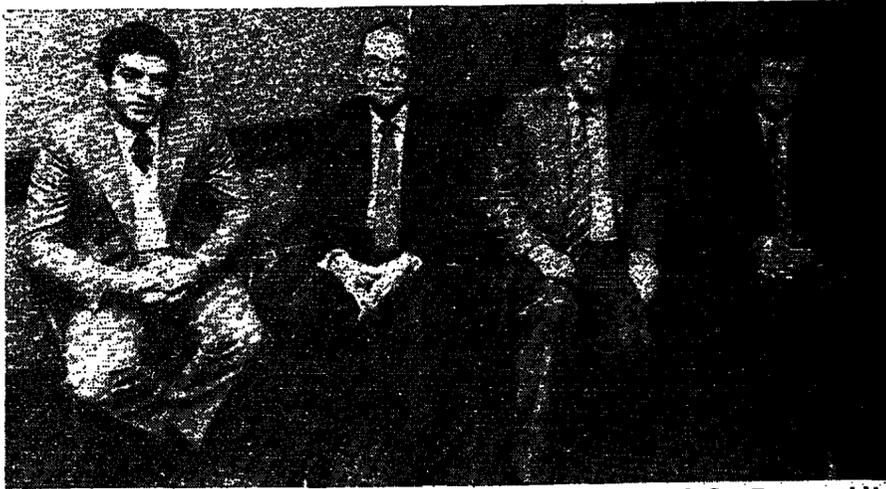
Several leading companies, whose business has suffered from the loss of normal relations with Argentina, have expressed an interest in being

represented on the group. Funds for its operation are being raised, and it is hoped to employ a full-time secretary-organizer. Peers and churchmen are also expected to serve.

The venture began during the summer after Mr Townsend, Mr Foulkes and Dr Little, met Argentine academics and officials, along with a panel of American academics, at the University of Maryland, near Washington, and are understood to have established common ground on the need to restore good relations.

Mr Foulkes said that the aim was to encourage people towards thinking about a negotiated settlement to the Falklands problem: the alternative was the building up of Fortress Falklands.

Port Stanley (Reuter) - A Royal Air Force pilot died yesterday when his Harrier crashed on a routine flight over the Falkland Islands, a military spokesman said. The jump jet went down in Lefornia, in the south of East Falkland Island.



World chess championship semi-finalists getting together in London yesterday. From left: Gary Kasparov and his opponent Viktor Korchnoi; Vassily Smyslov and his opponent Zoltan Ribli. (Photograph: John Manning).

Korchnoi faces clash of age and politics

Viktor Korchnoi, one of the most controversial grandmasters in the history of chess, yesterday met the young genius from his Soviet homeland, Gary Kasparov, on the eve of what is billed as the greatest chess event in Britain for more than a century. They play each other at the

Great Eastern Hotel in London today in the semi-finals of the series to produce a challenger to meet the world champion, Anatoly Karpov.

The other semi-final is between Vassily Smyslov of the Soviet Union and the Hungarian grandmaster Zoltan Ribli. Korchnoi, aged 53, and

Kasparov, aged 20, are agreed on one thing: age could be a vital factor when they clash. And, Korchnoi said, so could politics.

Korchnoi, who was born in Leningrad, defected in 1976 after representing his country and then twice challenged Karpov, whom he describes as

"the banner of the Soviet regime", in bitter chessboard conflicts in 1978 and 1981.

But Kasparov, widely tipped as the next world champion, said: "I just play chess." The semi-finals were officially opened by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson.

New report sent to DPP on Deptford blaze

By Mark Rosselli

Police investigating the fire which killed 13 young blacks in Deptford, south London, nearly three years ago have sent a new report to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Scotland Yard refused to comment yesterday on claims that new evidence names a black man as the arsonist who killed 13 young people at a birthday party in New Cross Road.

Black pressure groups have consistently maintained that the blaze was caused by a firebomb thrown by a white racist, and that the police have been engaged in a cover-up.

An inquest held four months after the deaths returned an

open verdict, amid accusations that it had been improperly conducted and that the police had forced young blacks to write false statements.

An application to the High Court by relatives of the dead for a new inquest was rejected last year.

Last week an independent report commissioned and published by the Metropolitan Police called the police handling of the Deptford fire "a disaster".

But it now seems that the police are ready to bring criminal charges. Yesterday's Sunday Telegraph claimed that detectives believe a black man, motivated by revenge or jeal-

ousy, and now thought to be in the United States, was "almost certainly" responsible, and that several people have not told the truth about the fire.

Mr Darcus Howe, vice-chairman of the New Cross Massacre Action Committee, said yesterday: "It is not for me to believe or not believe. We hold to our original position - that whoever did this should be brought to justice, whatever his class, colour or creed."

"What I find curious is that the same time that the Internal Policy Studies Institute criticized the police over New Cross, they come out with this new evidence. I find it quite remarkable."

Salmon rights to be auctioned

Some of Britain's best fishing stretches are to be offered for auction next year to support the work of the Atlantic Salmon Trust (John Young writes).

Encouraged by the success of this year's auction, the trust has expanded its list to include beats on the Wye, Exe, the Frome, the Piddle, the Wilshire Avon, the Lune, the Dart, the Usk, and the North Tyne, as well as several coveted rivers in Scotland such as the Thurso, the Nith, the North Esk, the Tay, and the Aberdeenshire Dees.

Postal bids which start at £10 a day, must be received before January 1, 1984. Catalogues and information can be obtained from Mr Alex Pritchard, Courleigh Manor, Lady Margaret Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire SL5 9QH.

Crane climber trapped for hour

A man, aged 34, slipped while climbing a crane at Bristol City Dock yesterday, and dangled 130 ft above the pavement for more than an hour with his ankles snagged in the boom.

He was rescued by firemen after a policeman noticed him, and was taken to hospital with a broken leg.

Factory death

A maintenance engineer was crushed to death yesterday by the machine he was working on. Mr Ian Marsh, aged 23, of Clare Crescent, Cosley West Midlands, was killed instantly at Beams Foundry in Tipton, West Midlands.

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Overseas doctors face time limit

By Nicholas Timmins, Health Services Correspondent

Hundreds of overseas doctors working in National Health Service hospitals will lose the right to practise in the UK next year, and hundreds more are likely to follow over the next few years.

The doctors, many from the Indian sub-continent, were given limited registration to practise and train in Britain for five years, under a scheme started in February 1979.

But many have not been able to achieve the higher qualifications they need to transfer to the full registration which would give them the right to practise in the UK indefinitely.

As their five-year periods run out they will face the choice of remaining in Britain unable to work as doctors, or going back to their countries of origin without the higher qualifications they came to the UK to get.

The Department of Health estimates that about 300 will be affected in the early part of next year, but admits the figure is "a very rough guess". Dr Krishna Koripara, secretary of the Overseas Doctors' association, says he fears the numbers could be higher. "Many of these doctors are the victims of the system that has been unfair to them," he said.

To acquire full registration the doctors need two years' experience as registrars. Dr Koripara said: "Many have been used as pairs of hands to keep the health service going rather than in posts where they could get proper training and higher qualifications."

Without higher qualifications and with medical unemployment rising, they have been unable to get registrar posts in competition with British graduates.

"These doctors are going to be very bitter," he said, "instead of getting the training for which they came they will have been used to keep the health service running."

"We believe these doctors should at least be given the kind of training which the medical profession acknowledges they have not in fact had, and should then be considered for full registration."

The Government, however, shows no willingness to change the rules. Ministers argue that the doctors clearly knew at the beginning that they would only have limited registration. With junior doctors' leaders claiming that up to 3,000 doctors are now unemployed in the United Kingdom, the Government is unlikely to change its mind.

Government backs tough campus line

By Our Political Reporter

The Government is supporting moves by universities to withdraw funds from student unions when there are rowdy demonstrations against ministers or they are prevented from speaking.

Ministers are concerned at the growth in serious incidents. At Manchester University last week Mr Micael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, was sprayed with red paint by anti-nuclear protesters, Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, was the subject of a noisy demonstration at Warwick University recently.

The Government's tough line and its determination to maintain free speech in the universities was emphasized by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, in a speech on Saturday.

He backed a decision on Warwick University to make a 10 per cent cut - or £30,000 - in its grant to the student union because of the demonstration against Sir Keith, and suggested that similar action should be taken against those responsible for the attack on Mr Heseltine, which he called a disgrace.

Mr Jenkin, speaking to Nuneaton Conservative Association, said that free speech lay at the heart of a university and at the centre of society. New methods of financing student unions introduced two years ago have made it possible for universities to impose "fines". Until then most union membership fees had been paid for the students by their local education authorities. Now the student union has to apply for part of the university's funding, competing with others calls on resources.

By-laws threat to Greenham camps

By Pat Healy

New by-laws came into force at midnight last night enabling Newbury District Council to remove tents or anything else that could be described as a building on the land surrounding Greenham Common air base, where the first cruise missiles arrived last week.

But, despite rumours that swept the women's peace camps at the base after "information" from police officers, there was no sign last night that the new by-laws will be enforced immediately.

The women consulted lawyers, councillors and the police on their legal position yesterday and concluded that, despite the new by-laws, immediate eviction would be illegal. The by-laws, which also allow the council to ban the playing of games on the common and to remove parked cars, require notices to be posted in the area before they can be acted on.

Some of the women responded to the rumours by beginning to pack essential belongings ready to move to other sites. One said: "We believe there are parts of the common that are not owned by Newbury council and we will move there. There is no way they are going to get rid of us until the cruise missiles have gone."

But the immediate threat of eviction appeared to have been removed when the chief executive of Newbury council said he had only one bailiff and he was away because of illness. The police said the number of officers on duty at the base had not changed over the weekend.

Hundreds of women visited the peace camps over the weekend, including the actress Julie Christie, large numbers of men arrived, too, and a new notice was put up welcoming their support but reminding them that the peace camps are for women only, and asking them to leave after tea-time each day.

Demonstrations during the weekend were muted, although 17 women were arrested on Saturday night, after dancing in the roadway. They were charged with obstruction.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Newbury, has written to the Home Secretary asking him to reconsider the decision to give no more than a fifty per cent government grant towards the cost of policing the base.

Thames Valley ratpayers will have to pick up the rest of the bill, estimated by the police to be £1.5m for the twelve months up to the end of last June.

Unionist warning to Adams

From Richard Ford

The largest Unionist-party in Northern Ireland displayed its new found confidence at the weekend by declaring that even after 14 years of terrorism "loyalists" could now never be defeated.

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Addressing 300 delegates at the party's annual conference in Belfast, Mr Molyneux said that they must never underestimate acceptance of the status quo or the benefits of union with Britain even among young nationalists.

Mr Molyneux urged more thought be given to allowing civil servants from Northern Ireland to play a much larger part in decision making and administration but gave a warning that it was premature to envisage Ulstermen taking ministerial posts.

He added that the party was determined to rid Ulster of direct rule and the order in council system of legislating for Northern Ireland.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, he said, had yet to convince others that constitutional certainty was the key to the defeat of terrorism but added that the party shared her view of the desirability of good neighbourly relations with the Irish Republic.

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Tory overspenders 'escape penalties'

By John Young

The Government's proposals to curb rates are directed arbitrarily and viciously at local authorities which have incurred its displeasure, rather than at those which are genuinely overspending, a report published today by the Labour Research Department says.

The report gives as examples several staunchly Conservative councils, such as the City of London, Mendip, South Lakeland, Broxbourne, West Oxfordshire and Cheltenham, which it says are among the worst offenders by the Government's criteria. But they have escaped penalties while Labour councils in inner London and in

Scotland, such as Lothian and Glasgow, have been victimized, the report says.

The report argues that, far from soaring, local authority spending has failed to keep pace with the growth of the economy. The suggestion in the White Paper that rates constitute "a particularly heavy burden on business and commerce", is contradicted by the Confederation of British Industry's own figures which show that rates have amounted to less than 2 per cent of production costs for the past 20 years.

Your Council Under Attack (Labour Research Department, 78 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8HS: 60p).

Student boycott planned over £30,000 'fine'

Bars and bookshops at Warwick University are to be boycotted by students in protest at the £30,000 penalty imposed after the rowdy reception given to Sir Keith Joseph.

The National Union of Students yesterday announced a campaign of resistance aimed at quashing the cut in Warwick University's student union grant.

If the dispute continues into the new year, the union will consider a rent strike in halls of residence. A spokesman said: "Our aim is to show that this 'fine' is a purely arbitrary and unjust imposition on people who weren't responsible for the action," against Sir Keith Joseph.

The union contends that a left-wing militant group and not students were responsible.

No-strike union seeks a 9% pay increase

The Professional Association of Teachers, the union pledged never to strike, called yesterday for a 9 per cent pay rise. This is three times higher than the Government's guidelines.

The association also wants index-linked increases after 1984. In return, it says, it would be prepared to enter into an agreement not to use disruption of the education system as a bargaining counter.

The association, which has 23,000 members, will put its proposals to the other main teaching unions later in the week when they meet to discuss next year's claim.

The association says it would like to explore the implications for teachers of the Prime Minister's offer to nurses earlier this year of a no-strike salary agreement.

Mr Peter Dawson, the association's general secretary, said yesterday: "We are giving Mrs Thatcher a chance to put her money where her mouth is."

The association also thinks that there are advantages to be gained from discussing teachers' salaries at the same time as their conditions of service.



Splashing round: James Sutherland and Mark Atkinson cornering at speed in the Lombard RAC Rally. Yesterday Hannu Mikkola's Audi Quattro hit a log in Knowsley Safari Park, Liverpool, and lost a wheel. The accident pushed the Finnish world champion down from second to 26th place. The Swede, Stig Blomqvist, led by 44 seconds yesterday evening. (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Police want stricter security in jails

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent

After the escape of the 51st prisoner this year from Sudbury open-prison in Derbyshire, the police have called for stricter security.

The call coincides with government moves to transfer more inmates serving long sentences, including life, to open prisons.

Three murderers serving life absconded from Leyhill open prison, near Bristol, last month, at a time when concern was also expressed by prison chiefs about "an alarming increase" nationally in the number of escapes by prisoners under escort.

At any one time there are about 200 prisoners on the run after escapes from all types of jail, hospitals or absconding from leave, escorts or working parties.

The call for stricter security comes from Mr Alan Eastwood, vice-chairman of the Police Federation, which represents 120,000 officers up to the rank of chief inspector.

He told The Times: "There is frustration among police officers who see criminals tried and convicted escape almost at will from prisons."

The escape of 51 prisoners from one jail, highlighted the extra work placed on the police in having to recapture them, he said.

"We would view with some disquiet the placing in open prisons of offenders imprisoned on more serious charges", Mr Eastwood added.

The Prison Department is seeking to engage "where appropriate" the authority agencies which govern the type of inmate sent to an open prison.

Lord Elton, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, has told local MPs about moves to lift curbs on three open prisons, Ashwell in Leicestershire, Ford in West Sussex and Kirkham in Lancashire.

A period in open jails for long-sentence prisoners, including lifers, is regarded as a way of preparing them for eventual release.

The Prison Department's latest figures, in the annual report, show that 131 lifers were being held in open prisons. Last year there was a sharp rise from 38 to 438 in escapes from open prisons, out of a total of 555 from all establishments, an increase from 461 the previous year.

In the first four months of this year 30 prisoners escaped from escort, in 25 separate incidents which prompted the Home Secretary, Mr Kenneth Robinson, to order William Brister, Deputy director-general of the prison services, to speak of the increase as "alarming".

The murderers from Leyhill were recaptured within hours after the escape. Darren Marshall, aged 23, the 51st man to escape from Sudbury, West Midlands, last Wednesday after being on the run for 22 hours. He is serving a sentence for theft and drugs offences.

Owen speaks of regret at Healey defeat

Dr David Owen said last night he might have stayed in the Labour Party if Mr Denis Healey had become its leader.

"A lot of history over the last five years would have been different", the SDP leader said in an interview on Radio Luxembourg.

Dr Owen, who in 1981 to help found the SDP, named Mr Healey as one of his political heroes.

He said it was regrettable that Mr Healey had not "conducted himself in a way that he could have become the leader of the Labour Party". Asked if he would have remained in the party if that happened, Dr Owen replied: "Maybe. Who knows? I hope so."

But he also criticized the Labour right wing for losing touch with reality. Dr Owen said: "I think the fact that Denis Healey did not stand up and fight, which is what he ought to have done, demonstrates how much the rot had set in. Good people were just getting used to compromising on essentials that they had lost sight of reality."

Dr Owen also praised Mr James Callaghan, in whose administration he served as Foreign Minister, as "a sensible and good leader".

Correction

The merger of St Bartholomew's and The London Hospital medical colleges at Queen Mary College concerns preclinical students only, and is not a merger of the whole of the colleges. It was suggested on November 10. Preclinical students are those in their first two years. Clinical medical and dental students, about two thirds of the colleges' students, will remain in their present medical colleges at St Bartholomew's or The London.

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Sextuplets saved twice from possible death by medicine and luck

Britain's newborn sextuplets were saved from possible death at least twice in the crucial weeks before birth by a mixture of medicine and luck, one of the medical team said yesterday.

Dr Richard Cooke, a consultant paediatrician, told a press conference at Liverpool Maternity Hospital, where the six girls were born last Friday, that Mrs Janet Walton, their mother, went into labour at least twice in a crucial 20-week period.

But the specialist medical team gave her various drugs, which stopped the babies being born too early. "It was a mixture of medicine and luck", Dr Cooke said.

"It was early on at a time when we would have wanted her to go on longer into the pregnancy. It is fair to say the babies were saved a couple of times. Had they have been born then, the result would have been far less favourable".

Five of the six girls, who weigh between 2lb 10z and 3lb 9oz, were breathing normally. Although the second baby was still on a ventilator, Dr Cooke said that he was confident she would survive. "She is the unlucky one and has immature lungs, but this is common with premature babies, who can be on ventilators for as long as seven to 10 days after being born.

"The survival rate in cases like this is in excess of 95 per cent", he said.

Dr Cooke said that the baby had "hyaline membrane dis-

ease", also known as respiratory distress syndrome. "The other five are doing very well."

Mr Graham Walton, aged 33, the babies' father, is a painter and decorator, and the family lives in Browning Road, Wallasey.

The six girls are all in one room at the hospital in individual incubators.

Doctors say that they could be home for Christmas and would by then probably weigh about 4lb each.

Dr Cooke said that they were all on a drip to give them sugar and water, and the next stage would be to feed them through a tube to the stomach. "Eventually we will get them on to sucking feeds", he said.

Dr Cooke described Mrs Walton, aged 31, as an exceptional mum.

"She is a quite extraordinary patient who has remained extraordinarily calm throughout", he said. "I do not think it has really hit her yet and she is very involved in thinking about her babies.

"She's a remarkable woman and has shown a remarkable lack of panic at all times, even when a lot of medical people have been around her."

Mr Usama Abdulla, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, who led the team of 15 which delivered the babies by caesarian section, said that Mrs Walton had spent a very satisfactory night sleeping. "She is much improved compared to yesterday and is quite happy to be resting."

He added that she was out of bed and walking about.

Mr Abdulla would not disclose which fertility drug Mrs Walton had taken, but he said that it had been used before in multiple births.

Medical experts had hoped to have a video film of the birth, but there was a hitch. Dr Cooke said: "I gather the video equipment worked for only part of the time and it is rather frustrating. Only part of the birth was filmed."

However, photographs were taken for scientific purposes.

Meanwhile, the world's press continued to try to buy the exclusive story and pictures.

Mr Rex Makin, a solicitor acting for the Waltons, was accepting bids yesterday in a corner of the hospital's reception area. Figures of up to £10,000 were being suggested for the first picture of the couple and their babies.

Negotiations so far suggest that the family may benefit by between £250,000 and £500,000 for its exclusive story over a contract of 18 years.



Prize buy: Shergar's foal with Tommy Stack, manager of his stud in co Tipperary, before last night's sale. The son of the Derby winner which was kidnapped in the republic was auctioned at Goff's bloodstock sales in co Kildare.

Dispute is delaying house sale checks

By Christopher Warnam Property Correspondent

A dispute over cost-saving measures in the Land Registry could soon cause serious delays for house-buyers because of union opposition to a plan to end certain checking procedures.

So far only a few hundred of the 7,000 civil servants involved in the work are on strike, but the number could increase if the Land Registry management press ahead with proposals to redeploy staff to do the work previously done by those now on strike.

Solicitors and their house-buying clients are becoming increasingly concerned at the possibility of delays in their purchasing, and the Law Society said yesterday that it was monitoring the effects of the dispute.

The society is likely to discuss the matter further in the coming week.

The dispute is over plans by the Land Registry to reduce the checking of routine registrations, which would disperse with about 200 jobs.

So far 450 civil servants are on strike at the registry's 13 regional offices, but serious delays have occurred only at the Gloucester registry, where instead of the routine searches taking 48 hours they are now taking a week or more.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants have said that if the management redeploy staff the strike could spread to other regions.

The staff who have gone on strike have done so after being threatened with suspension without pay for refusing to cooperate with the new measures.

The Land Registry intends to increase its efficiency by saving jobs, but the Civil Service unions are arguing that the measures put an added responsibility on clerks and that errors are likely to increase.

Babies in private school queue

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A startling increase in the demand for good private schools in London for four-year-olds means parents are having to register their children well before they are born.

Good preparatory schools in Kensington are full for years to come and are drawing up waiting lists for children who are now babies. Miss Jane Revell, headmistress of Falkner House, a boys' pre-prep school in Notting Hill which is registering babies only under three months old said: "For some schools mothers have to put their babies down two days after the pregnancy is confirmed."

The clamour for places at private London schools has also increased for the eight-year-old range. Mr John Whittaker, head of Sussex House preparatory school in Cadogan Square, Chelsea, said: "We have got tremendous demand and it seems to have leapt suddenly in the last six months. We have many more children than we need for 1984."

The reasons given for the boom are various. First, it is concentrated in the central and more prosperous parts of London where there are few private schools and they are small, and it coincides with the

desire by parents who choose independent schooling to keep their children at home, at least until they are 13, for economic or other reasons.

It is believed that some parents are worried about state primary schools, particularly if they hope to send their children to good public schools demanding a respectable showing in the Common Entrance examination.

They are happy to pay the fees of at least £500 a term at pre-preparatory schools and to pay for extra coaching.

Miss Revell, whose school, Falkner House, feeds St Paul's preparatory school, Colet

Court, and Westminster Under School, said: "Parents go to enormous lengths to try to get their child into a good school. I have parents asking me why the four-year-olds are not doing homework."

A year ago parents could walk in off the street and register their children for Falkner House, a school for boys aged four to nine. Now the school is full until 1987 and has a waiting list of 40 babies a year.

Another possible reason for the increased demand is the rise in the birth rate among social classes one, two and three between 1979 and 1980.

Surgeons wait for heart-lung donor

By Alan Hamilton

Surgeons at Harefield Hospital in west London are standing by on call round the clock to perform Britain's first combined heart and lung transplant.

Their patient is Mr Lars Ljungberg, a journalist aged 32 from Falun in Sweden, who has been at Harefield for a month awaiting a donor. The hospital said yesterday that although Mr Ljungberg was seriously ill, his condition remained stable.

If a donor is found in time, the pioneering surgical team will be led by Mr Magdi Jacob, the Egyptian-born specialist who has conducted 77 heart transplants at Harefield. Past donors have usually been road accident victims.

The surgical team will have to move with great speed. Donor hearts remain usable outside the body for up to six hours, but lung tissues will survive for only about an hour and a half. The whole operation is expected to take six hours.

Mr Ljungberg is suffering from a thickening of the lungs, demanding immense effort by the heart to pump blood through them. He finds the slightest physical or mental exertion a tremendous effort.

Because Mr Ljungberg, who is married with three children, is a foreigner his operation will not be paid for by the National Health Service. The people of his home town have collected £15,000 to pay for his treatment, as well as providing a Swedish nurse.

Although no heart-lung trans-

plant has yet been attempted in Britain, the operation has had some success in the United States. From 16 such operations done in the past three years by a team from Stanford University, California, eleven patients have survived, the longest for two and a half years.

Mr Jacob has studied the technique used at Stanford. His view, according to Harefield sources, is that a heart-lung operation is only an extension of a straight heart transplant.

Apart from giving hope of new life to the patient, a successful operation would be a professional coup for Mr Jacob and his team. Papworth Hospital at Cambridge is officially designated by the Department of Health as Britain's main transplant unit, and a team there has been working for some months to refine the techniques for a heart-lung transplant.

The Papworth team, which has been working closely with the pioneer of the operation, Professor Norman Shumway, of Stanford, has used new drugs to overcome many of the problems of tissue rejection. Mr Ljungberg's arrival at Harefield has much to do with Mr Jacob's close connections with Swedish cardiologists.

Mr Ljungberg's condition, known as pulmonary hypertension, is relatively rare, and even if the operation is successful it is unlikely that more than about 10 people a year in Britain would benefit from similar treatment.

Rifts over Sunday shopping

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

A flood of expected representations on the controversial question of removing restrictions on Sunday shop opening has started to build up at the Home Office, whose inquiry into the issue is expected to take until the middle of next year.

Sharp differences of opinion among shopkeepers are emerging, in addition to the confrontation between the more obvious antagonists - as the consumers' organizations favouring Sunday opening and the Lord's Day Observance Society with its heated defence of the traditional Sunday.

Five assessors have been appointed by the Home Office to ensure that a full spectrum of evidence is available by November 30, the closing date for representations. The appointment of a further assessor, representing the interests of local authorities, will be announced shortly.

The five appointed are: Lord Gallacher, representing large shops and multiple chains; Miss Mildred Head, for small shops; Mr John Flood, retail trade employees; Mr Maurice Healy, shoppers' interests; and Mr Bernard Thimont, the churches.

Lord Gallacher is a prominent figure in the Cooperative movement. Miss Head is a former National Chamber of Trade president. Mr Flood is deputy general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers. Mr Healy is policy division head at the National Consumer Council, and Mr Thimont is secretary of the Churches' Main Committee.

The union's representations, in which it emphasizes the high cost of Sunday opening, went to the Home Office at the weekend. But it would be willing to accept opening for up to four Sundays preceding Christmas, provided equivalent time off was given over Christmas or the New Year.

The Retail Consortium, which represents most shopkeepers, is still trying to hammer out a consistent Sunday opening policy.

The Asda grocery chain, part of the Associated Dairies Group, has been a strong advocate of Sunday opening but other grocery multiples are far from enthusiastic. Although there is more support for later opening hours on weekdays, there is lessening support for the idea of Sunday morning opening for the big grocers.

There is a strong lobby for Sunday opening from many companies involved in the do-it-yourself field, especially where such outlets are teamed with garden centres.

Most department stores oppose Sunday opening.

Peer says EEC should cut price of cereals

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent

An immediate 25 per cent reduction in the EEC guaranteed prices for cereals was called for at the weekend by Lord Walston, the SDP peer. That should be followed by more modest reductions over four years until the price is no more than 10 per cent above the world market level (John Young writes).

Lord Walston is a member of the Lords committee on the European Communities, whose report recently urged the establishment of so-called guarantee thresholds to curb surplus production.

He told *The Times* that he and some of his colleagues on the committee thought the report did not go far enough, but that they were dissuaded from including their proposals for price reductions.

Those proposals state that the European Commission should set out the quantities of each main commodity that the Community is likely to need in the coming years.

Motorway poses threat to the Green Belt

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent

Increased traffic generated by the completion of the M25 London orbital motorway will create a planners' nightmare, according to Mr Lawrie Freeman, head of the commercial department of Humbers, the estate agents.

Writing in the latest issue of *Humbers Commentary*, he observes that the M25 has breached the Metropolitan Green Belt and, far from being the ultimate barrier to expansion, could result in more corridors of development along the "spokes" of other motorways, the M1, M2, M3, M4, M11, M20, M23 and M40.

Meanwhile, the local authority associations the Civic Defence Council for the Protection of Rural England, and the National Farmers Union meet today to express concern at the threat to the Green Belt posed by a relaxation of planning controls.

Auction record for vitrine cabinet

By Huon Mallalieu

In New York on Saturday an auction record of \$275,000 (£183,333) was set for a piece of twentieth century furniture. It was paid by a private collector for an elaborate jewel-mounted silver vitrine cabinet designed by Carl Otto Czeschka and Josef Hoffmann for the Wiener Werkstatte in 1908.

In spite of the lavish decoration including onyx, mother of pearl, ivory, enamel, opal and lapis lazuli and clusters of Baroque pearls it is an elegant piece and it was rightly seen as one of the outstanding works of the Vienna Art Exhibition in

Sale room

\$411,224 (£274,149) with every lot finding a buyer. About half of that total came from the collection formed by Lord Eccles. A first edition of Audoubon and Bachman, *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America* which was published in New York between 1845 and 1858, sold to a dealer from Pennsylvania for \$55,000 (£36,666), in spite of the lack of part of the text (estimate \$50,000 to \$60,000).

A manuscript document about the sale of a Buckinghamshire Manor, which is signed by Sir Francis Drake, sold to a New York dealer for \$15,400

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Divorce in Britain: 1 Legal reforms arouse church alarm but may iron out present inequities

"Divorce is like Armageddon," one separated woman said last week. "There are no winners. Just a lot of ruins." Such apocalyptic statements emerge from a growing awareness that the divorce rate in Britain is now one of the highest in the western world. Almost 150,000 people in England and Wales get divorced every year and one in three marriages will break up amid recriminations and financial squabbling and often with young and confused children. From being a social taboo which forced a monarch to abdicate less than half a century ago, divorce has in the past 25 years become, like the motor car and television, a national pastime. There are now two million divorced people in this country and almost everyone else has direct experience, either through family or friends. According to a marriage researcher, divorce is one of the most traumatic of events, ranking alongside close family bereavement or loss of a limb. Even children are said to find it easier to accept the death of one of their parents than their divorce.

The first important legislation on divorce since the Divorce Reform Act of 1969 has its second reading in the Lords today. The Bill has already aroused controversy. Its critics say it will benefit only middle class men and the churches are alarmed that it will further undermine the permanence of marriage. The Government, however, maintains it will merely iron out inequities in the present legislation. JOHN WITHEROW, in the first of three articles, looks at the background to the rapid growth of divorce in Britain and considers the possible impact of the Bill.

Jack Dominian, director of the Marriage Research Centre, estimates the cost of divorce to the country at £1,000m a year. This is made up of supplementary benefits (the vast majority of divorced women live on state benefits) and just the small allowance for one parent families costs £90m a year), absenteeism, children in care, medical treatment (people in the throes of divorce often require tranquillisers and other drugs), and legal aid, in which two thirds of £83m bill is for matrimonial disputes.

Although Britain has a divorce rate well behind the United States, where one in two marriages break up, no one would be rash enough to predict that a similar rate can be avoided here. Experts have constantly predicted a levelling off and yet divorce has continued to climb. And the new legislation, if it approves the one-year rule, will almost certainly see a sudden surge of petitions from people who have been waiting under the present three-year law.

No one can easily pinpoint the causes for the increase. Mr Robert Chester, reader in social administration at the University of Hull, says it can be attributed to factors that largely depend on your point of view. Some see it in a moral light with a failure to treat marriage seriously enough.

Others see it merely as a result of availability and a removal of the social stigma. And yet others argue it is a result of the changing role of women and of the expectations of marriage. Whatever the causes, the result is untold suffering and a heavy burden on the state. Dr

the income or education, the greater the likelihood of breakdown. Divorce can also harm your health. According to research in the United States, divorced people are several times more likely to need psychiatric treatment and have a mortality rate up to three times higher than the general population. Children too are inevitably affected. Only 80 per cent of children aged between 10 and 15 live with both their natural parents, and in the next 10 years it has been estimated that another 1.6 million children will see their parents separate.

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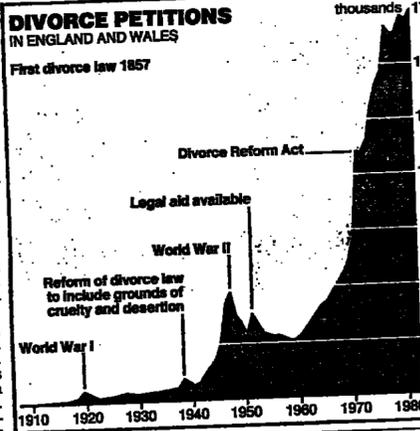
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Worrying background

It is against this worrying background that the Church of England is debating whether to allow people to remarry in church, and the Government is introducing the first legislation on divorce for a decade. The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, which could become law within a year, proposes changing the financial aftermath of separation. By implication it accepts that in certain cases husbands find it hard to pay maintenance for too long and that former wives should be encouraged to make a clean break. It also proposes ending marriages after one year instead of three, accepting that this law is now frequently breached.

Debates by both the church and the state will inevitably arouse controversy. People torn between accepting a complete break while admitting that women are at a disadvantage because many have ruined career prospects by having children. "Because there is such a residue of bitterness, however you legislate there will be people who will feel aggrieved," a divorce lawyer said. Nor are there many hopeful signs. Although there has been a levelling off in recent years, divorces have increased six-fold in the past 25 years.

But the rapid increase in divorce has not discouraged people from getting married. The institution has remained as popular as ever, although people are now waiting longer. The number of women marrying under the age of 20 has



Divorce petitions in England and Wales. Thousands. 175, 150, 125, 100, 75, 50, 25. 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980. First divorce law 1857. Divorce Reform Act. Legal aid available. World War I. Reform of divorce law to include grounds of cruelty and desertion. World War II.

Natural consequence

However, while many people are alarmed by the increase in divorce, others see it as a natural consequence of the greater freedom of women and the growth of the "me-now" generation, partners unwilling to put up with an unhappy marriage merely for the children's sake. "What amazes me," a divorced woman said, "is not that one in three marriages fail. But that two thirds survive."

Despite this some people have a better chance than others. Figures show that the safest marriage is likely to occur between a couple from the same social class with the man aged about 26 and the woman aged 23. They should live in a country or suburbs and have two children within four years of marriage. Both should have outside interests. High risk jobs are those involving extensive travel or long periods apart, such as oil rig workers, servicemen and travelling salesmen. While farmers and undertakers are found to have secure marriages, for some reason hairdressers are especially at risk.

None the less few couples are likely to avoid some strife. "A marriage without conflict would be pretty boring," one researcher said. "Some of us maintain that it's healthier to have the occasional row."

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Lorries are seized in tax inquiry

Vehicles worth more than £100,000 have been seized by customs officials investigating cases of alleged diesel fuel tax evasion. Seven lorries have been impounded in raids by customs men in the West Midlands. An official said: "A number of people have been interviewed and our investigations are continuing." At least 40 customs agents were involved in the raids on haulage yards and some private houses. The searches were the culmination of an investigation into cases of alleged evasion of duty and value-added tax on motor fuel.

Welsh CBI presses for second Severn crossing

The Government will face continued pressure to build a second crossing of the Severn in spite of its hope that the existing bridge can be made safe. A survey by the Wales CBI showed that the 24-hour weekday lane restrictions which were lifted last week had troubled its members. One company forecast a 40 per cent rise in its transport costs. Welsh MPs, representatives from local authorities on both sides of the river, road haulage associations and trade unions are being invited to a conference next Monday in Cardiff, organized by the Wales CBI. Mr Colin McNab, assistant director, said: "Even if the present bridge was perfect, it is our view that increased traffic will make the need for a second crossing inevitable by the year 2000. As a new bridge would take 15 years from the planning stage to completion, the time to start is now."

Criticisms of Navy challenged

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent. The Ministry of Defence is challenging the accuracy of criticisms of the way the Royal Navy handles large spending projects. The comments originally appeared in The Observer newspaper on November 13 and were summarized in The Times last Monday. Mr Michael Heslop, Secretary of State for Defence, immediately called for a detailed examination of the criticisms. He is believed to be considering what further action to take. The ministry's response is: New underground operations control centre of the Navy at Northwood. The ministry says that there have been difficulties in bringing the project to fruition. And it has been delayed two years. But costs have risen to only £45m, "a small increase in real terms," not to £168m as reported. Cost overruns on individual projects being considered: The ministry says that costs of projects are collated in their own right, and any escalation beyond fixed limits leads to the automatic reconsideration. Withholding of possibly embarrassing files from auditors: the ministry says that staff are required to make all files available. Doubts of the reliability of the new Sting Ray torpedo: the ministry says that it has entered service within the cost and time-scale forecast five years ago, and has exceeded the reliability rates demanded in the fixed price contract with Marconi. Spearfish heavyweight torpedo: the ministry denies that £200m in research and development and other costs were suppressed. It says that cost comparisons considered by ministers included the cost of research and development and support for the Spearfish. The ministry said yesterday that it would be looking very closely today at a report in The Observer yesterday that economic made to sonars and electronic equipment for Trident submarines will make them more vulnerable to attack.

Royal launch for 'picturephone'

Princess Anne will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of automatic telephone dialling in Britain today by inaugurating the Lord Provost of Edinburgh from Bristol, just as her mother did a quarter of a century ago when she inaugurated the service. However, today's call will be made with a "picturephone", a video and telephone link married together. This is expected to become a commonplace in the next 20 years as automatic dialling is at present. The system of dialling inaugurated by the Queen on December 5, 1958, called subscriber trunk dialling (STD), has developed to the extent that of the 10 million trunk calls made every day, 99 per cent use the automatic system. The first codes used a mixture of numbers and letters but by 1966 a new system allowed the letters to be dropped. Within five years of its inauguration, in 1963, automatic dialling was introduced for international telephone calls between London and Paris. Transatlantic direct dialling between London and New York started seven years later in 1970, and by 1975 26 countries were on the network. Now the 30 million telephones in Britain have direct access to 135 countries and more than 500 million telephones around the world. Bristol has always played an important part in British telecommunications. The first West Country exchange was opened there in 1879 with 15 subscribers. In November that year, the magazine The Electrician carried a story that read: "The use of the telephone is expanding rapidly. The instruments have been introduced at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace."



The Queen inaugurating direct dialling in 1958 with Mr Ernest Marples, the then Postmaster-General.



Looping the loop: A moment of crisis for a contestant during the world surfing championships at Scheveningen, south of Amsterdam. Some of the most spectacular stunts were caused more by the stormy conditions than the surfers' skills.

Control of the economy is key to Polish reshuffle

Poland's Communist Party leadership has announced a high-level reshuffle which emphasizes the party's control over the economy and which attempts to paper over some of the ideological squabbles that have plagued the Communists. The changes were disclosed on Saturday night after a two-day session of the policy-making Central Committee which was dedicated to discussing economic shortcomings in Poland and the chances of recovery. Some unusual frank comments - especially from worker members of the Central Committee - was heard during the session, with one steel worker attacking the "lack of clarity" in the plan for 1984 and a Wrocław worker declaring that economic reform "should serve society and not just the economists." There appear to be three guiding ideas behind the reshuffle. The first was to appoint Mr Marion Orzechowski, a well-known ideological expert, as the rector of a new Academy of Social Sciences and make him a deputy member of the Politburo. The academy merges two party institutions - the Higher Party School and the Institute for Study of Marxism-Leninism - which in the view of some analysts has become the platform for sipping between the moderate and hardline Communists. Mr Orzechowski is a leading member of a group known as Pron, designed to cultivate dialogue between the party and non-party members, and as such is expected to steer a middle course. Mr Tadeusz Forecki, a Politburo member and a professor of mechanical engineering, has been appointed to the powerful secretaryship of the Central Committee and is expected to take over some economic functions. Although Professor Forecki was once an adviser of the disgraced party leader, Mr Edward Gierek he is well regarded within the Politburo and he has now effectively entered the inner circle of party power. Two other significant moves were made in the shake-up which many observers believe will be further complemented by changes in the Government this week - including the promotion of Mr Henryk Bednarski, First Party Secretary of Bydgoszcz, into the Central Committee and straight into its secretariat. This is supposed to show that men of administrative talent can be speedily promoted within the party and is aimed, party sources say, at demonstrating that the Communist Party is not controlled by a closed circle. The other principal change, the promotion of Mr Stanislaw Misiewicz, a former shipyard worker in the Szczecin shipyards into the ranks of the party leadership a former radical critic of the practices of the Politburo and one of the most zealous opponents of Mr Gierek after he had been overthrown.

Furore in France over press reforms

The French Government's decision to bring in tough anti-trust legislation to limit the rise and power of press conglomerates has caused a furore. The Opposition has been quick to seize on the issue as another example of the Government's alleged assault on individual liberties. Much of the uproar has been caused by the fact that the proposed new law is aimed primarily at M Robert Hersant, France's most powerful press baron and a fierce opponent of the left. His empire includes three national newspapers - Le Figaro, France-Soir and L'Espresso - and 10 provincial dailies which together account for 20 per cent of daily newspaper sales. He also owns several specialist magazines. Under the proposed law, no proprietor or group would be allowed to aggregate sales amounting to more than 15 per cent of the total national sales for that type of newspaper. It would also be illegal to own both a national daily and a provincial daily. Ownership of national newspapers would be limited to three, of which only one could be a daily. Only papers which devoted a third or more of their editorial space to political and general news coverage would be affected. In order to ensure the "transparency" of ownership, every newspaper would be required to publish in each edition the name of the proprietor or proprietors and the titles of any other newspapers within the same ownership. The name of the editor and the size of circulation would also have to be given. The newspaper's accounts would have to be published annually and no foreigner would be able to take over a newspaper based in France. The Government proposes to set up a commission of six members to ensure that the provisions of the new law are carried out in the interests of the "plurality" of the press. M Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, insists that the Government is not introducing a new law, but rather bringing into force principles introduced immediately after the liberation in 1944 which have never been applied. The 1944 Order on the press incorporated the principle of "one man, one paper". The Opposition has accused the Government of trying to stifle freedom of expression in the press, pointing out that the Government already has a monopoly of control over radio and television. M Raymond Barre, the former Prime Minister, said that the Government's bid to control the press was the latest example of the Socialists' attempt to "transform a pluralist society into a uniform society subjected to dogmatism, indoctrination and intolerance." The Association of Newspaper Proprietors has protested strongly against both the content of the Bill and the Government's failure to enter into any prior consultations. Many small proprietors would prefer M Hersant's money to government control or bankruptcy. The journalists, for the most part, have welcomed the proposals.



Paris bombing: Police examining wreckage in L'Orée du Bois restaurant after it was bombed yesterday by two men riding a motor cycle. Twenty people were injured by the bombing and brought down a ceiling. No one has claimed responsibility.

Welsh soldier freed from Malta ordeal

A Welsh soldier injured his first day of freedom yesterday after seven months in a Maltese jail. Mr Anthony Price, aged 21, reunited with his parents in Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, had been accused of being involved in a bizarre plot to shoot Mr Don Mintoff, the Prime Minister. Private Price, who deserted from the Royal Regiment of Wales in West Germany last March, protested his innocence but was held in Valletta prison while the Maltese authorities continued their inquiries. His father, Ben, who led a campaign for the release of his son, praised the British authorities for their efforts behind the scenes. "I also wrote to Don Mintoff, appealing as a father for his help and I believe this might have affected the situation. It's the end of a nightmare for us." The worrying and uncertainty about Tony was affecting my wife's health. He wants to stay in the Army and finish his time. We hope they will show compassion after what he has been through in Malta.

First poll test for Italian left

The Italian Government, troubled by internal divisions accentuated by the unhappy meeting with the French in Venice last week, awaits with anxiety the results of the regional and local elections held at the weekend. The elections involving about 1,800,000 electors are concentrated in the Trentino-Alto Adige region and a series of municipal contests led by the principal southern cities of Naples and Reggio Calabria. These contests represent the first electoral test since the present government came to power last June. For the Christian Democrats, still the country's largest party, the Naples elections in particular may show whether the party's setback at the general election was temporary or a sign of a more general malaise.

Bourguiba eases grip on Tunisia

President Bourguiba of Tunisia, the octogenarian doyen of Africa's leaders, who has ruled his country for more than a quarter of a century with an iron hand, has announced extensive plans for the liberalization of his regime. Two existing political "movements" will be officially recognized as political parties, a status hitherto confined to moves to liberalize his regime. In 1981, he allowed the two "movements" - now political parties - to participate in parliamentary elections. The renewed "dash for democracy" has probably been inspired by Mrs Bourguiba, a lively and outspoken woman, who remains a powerful influence behind the throne. President Bourguiba's Parti Socialiste Destourien (PSD) and the small Communist Party. Legislation, "organizing political and trade union life in the country on a multi-party basis, will be introduced in Parliament, where, as in the rest of Tunisia politics, the PSD has enjoyed a monopoly of power. This is not the first time President Bourguiba has made

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Korchnoi's complaint. Is there a remedy?



VIKTOR KORCHNOI
AGE 52.

ZOLTAN RIBLI
AGE 32.

GARRY KASPAROV
AGE 20.

VASSILY SMYSLOV
AGE 62.

There is a major source of irritation in Viktor Korchnoi's life.

He has twice suffered defeat at the hands of Anatoly Karpov, failing to seize the World Chess Champion's crown.

To have any hope of remedying his grievance, Mr. Korchnoi must first get through the World Chess Championship Semi-Finals, starting today at London's Great Eastern Hotel.

(It's Britain's most important chess tournament since the first World Championship was held here in 1851.)

Korchnoi is lined up for twelve nerve-racking games against the prodigiously gifted Garry Kasparov.

Meanwhile, the tension will also be mounting steadily between the veteran Vassily Smyslov and the formidable Zoltan Ribli.

The brains behind these battles of the mental giants are Acorn, manufacturers of the

BBC Microcomputer. Away from its increasing educational, domestic and business commitments, the BBC Micro is a particularly keen chess player.

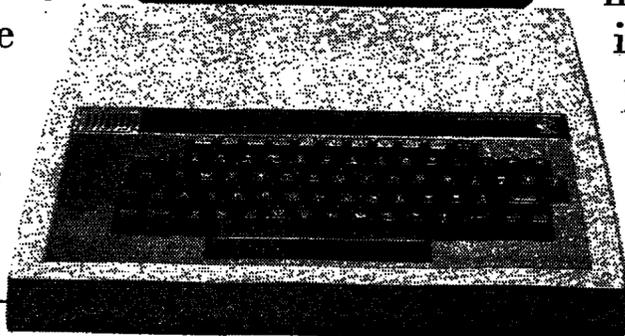
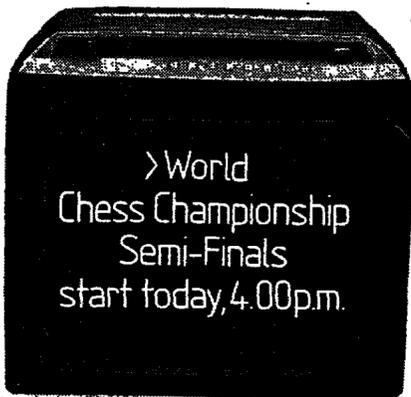
In fact, its interest in the game is such that it has computed each grandmaster's likelihood of getting through to next year's Final.

It reckons Mr. Kasparov's probability to be no less than 89%.

Mr. Ribli's probability is 60%, while Mr. Smyslov's is 40%.

Alas, the precocious £399 micro claims that Mr. Korchnoi's probability of pulling through is a slender 11%.

In the stark face of adversity, however, he should certainly be inspired to give a performance which leaves no room for complaint.



US-Soviet tensions over arms and technology

Schmidt fails to prevent SPD from voting against missiles

From Michael Biayon, Bonn

In a momentous vote that will have far-reaching consequences for German politics and for the country's relations with its Nato allies, the opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD)...

more important than the removal of SS20s. The SPD vote corresponded to the call by the House of Representatives for a nuclear freeze. The new missiles were against the interests of Europe and both German states, he declared with passion, to warm applause.

The party leaders recognize they cannot stop the missiles arriving or defeat the Government in the vital Bundestag debate on deployment that begins today. Indeed, the party gave no commitment to remove the missiles if returned to power, and reaffirmed its loyalty to Nato.



Helmut Schmidt: Reiterated opposition to deployment

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the parliamentary leader, said the 1979 Nato decision had not been respected by the Americans, who had not kept their promise to negotiate seriously at the Geneva arms talks.

But strong anti-Nato and anti-American feelings ran high, and the rejection of Herr Schmidt and his eloquent arguments could not have been plain.

America watches the holocaust

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Americans gathered round their television sets last night to watch a programme which has caused unprecedented ferment before even being screened.

The White House confirmed that President Reagan had a private viewing of The Day After a few days ago. The spokesman declined to say Mr Reagan had reacted to it, but said he welcomed the dialogue it would provoke.

The Day After, the ABC television dramatization of a nuclear strike on Kansas City is the most horrific documentary to be aired in the United States and is said to portray the appalling consequences of nuclear war in even more terrifying detail than the 1965 BBC production, The War Game, which was banned from British television.

Thousands of Republican and conservative organizations across the country will hold meetings and teach-ins to counter the many thousands more planned by anti-nuclear groups. The programme depicts, in gruesome detail, the annihilation of Kansas city as a result of a nuclear strike and the horrors faced by survivors in Lawrence, a town 33 miles away.

The White House, concerned that the film would give new impetus to the nuclear freeze movement and undercut its own efforts to modernize American nuclear defences, has mounted a counter-offensive.

ABC says the film is a non-political presentation of what a nuclear war would be like and hopes it will promote discussion about the nuclear arms race. To the company's credit, it has resisted political and commercial pressures to stop the screening.

S African link in computer smuggling

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

General Johann Coetzee, the Commissioner of Police, has announced that a joint team of South African and American investigators will begin a full-scale inquiry in Cape Town today into allegations that the country is a key link in the smuggling of advanced Western technology to the Soviet Union.

capable of controlling nuclear missiles and to be of the same type as those used by the Pentagon. Under US law, all applicants for export licences for computers going to South Africa have to be vetted by the Department of Commerce to ensure that the user is not Armscor, the state armaments producer, or the South African military or police.

link man in the import of computers into South Africa. Herr Müller, wanted for questioning in three continents, came to South Africa in 1980 and was allowed to stay despite having been indicted with an illegal shipment of semi-conductor equipment to East Europe. The immediate aim of the investigation, General Coetzee said at the weekend, would be "to establish which companies are involved and where Müller got the money from to buy the lavish Cape Town properties he now owns".

French reprisal raid leaves militia targets unscathed

From Robert Fisk, Baalbek

Despite claims by the French Defence Ministry that its aircraft bombed a "terrorist" objective inside a barracks at Baalbek last Thursday, the Super-Éclairage jets appear to have totally missed their stated targets, firing most of their rockets into a vineyard not far from a small Christian village behind the city.

captured by Iranian Revolutionary Guards earlier this year - was described by France as its objective, but the buildings inside the barracks show no obvious sign of damage.

world comes from Israel, America and Russia." Nor does the Khawam Hotel, the former two-storey tourist centre that houses a military headquarters of Hussain Moussawi's Islamic Amal movement, show the slightest sign of damage, though reports last week insisted it had been devastated by rocket-firing French jets.

The Shaikh Abdullah barracks - sprawling former Lebanese Army compound of residential housing, a command centre and radio antennae

A few rockets did hit inside the compound, now renamed the Imam Ali Barracks by the Iranians, but all appear to have exploded on a series of small hills near the parade ground. Black and green flags hung from the barracks gates yesterday while banners were strung down the walls proclaiming in Arabic: "All the damage of the

neither the Americans, Russians, the present Bonn Government nor the fickleness of his on party. He warned his party against isolating itself and of damaging German credibility with its allies by going back on its word.

Washington: The Central Intelligence Agency in a report to Congress has indicated that the cost of Soviet defence spending has grown more slowly since 1976 than in previous years. (Mobsin Ali writes)

The CIA in a new analysis of the Soviet economy, given to Congress on September 20, cut its previous estimate of the Soviet defence growth by more than half.

WASHINGTON: The Central Intelligence Agency in a report to Congress has indicated that the cost of Soviet defence spending has grown more slowly since 1976 than in previous years. (Mobsin Ali writes)

Officials said there was no "split in the Kremlin" on arms control, as the Bonn Government had suggested, and said West German officials had "misread the signs of wishful thinking".

Last week Dr Kohl said he understood Moscow had softened its stand over the inclusion of British and French missiles in the INF (intermedi-

ate range) talks. But Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister, said in Pravda on Saturday categorically that British and French missiles must be included in the Geneva talks.

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'No go' in Silicon Valley

Washington (Reuters)

The State Department said at the weekend it was closing new areas in the United States to Soviet citizens, including the high-technology region known as "Silicon Valley" in central California.

A spokesman for the department said the travel restrictions were sent to the Soviet Embassy in Washington last Wednesday. This kind of restriction was first introduced by the Soviet Union in 1951, with the United States responding with curbs of its own, the spokesman added.

The new list actually reduces the areas off limits to Russians from 24 per cent to 20 per cent of the US land mass, matching the Soviet Union's percentage. "Silicon Valley" has been closed because of fears that the Russians might spy on computer technology. The important oil business centre of Houston, Texas, was also declared off limits, as were two New Jersey cities, Bayonne and Nutley, which have military installations.

Other leading cities now closed to Soviet travel include Denver, Colorado; Minneapolis-St Paul, Minnesota; and Seattle, Washington. But several other cities were opened to Russians for the first time, including Phoenix, Arizona; Memphis, Tennessee; Cleveland, Ohio; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Savannah, Georgia.

Iranian Revolutionary Guards could be seen patrolling yesterday outside their headquarters south of Baalbek, but there was no undue sign of concern. I drove slowly round the outside walls of the barracks and the only sign of violence was a crumbling old building damaged back in 1976 during the Lebanese civil war.



Anniversary smile: The garlanded Queen, leaving Holy Trinity church, Secunderabad, yesterday, on her thirty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Roar of disapproval for Duke

From Michael Hamlyn, Kanha, Madhya Pradesh

It is the mating season at Kanha National Park and a pair of tigers were not pleased early yesterday morning to see the Duke of Edinburgh peering at them from the back of an elephant.

The Duke is the International President. In the 350 square miles of the Kanha reserve, which is celebrating its fiftieth jubilee this year, there are 26,000 deer, antelope, bear and buffalo.

The park has also had another big conservation success. Under its tall ash trees shelter the magnificent Barasingha deer. The name is Hindi for 12 horns and the number of tines on their antlers varies between six and 14.

In 1970 there were only 66 Barasingha in the world, all at Kanha. Today there are 464 and they are no longer on the verge of extinction.

Then they tore along a dusty forest trail while the sun rose higher and skimmed off the mist rising from ponds and lakes. They found a tigress and one of her young, lying indolently in a bamboo clump.

Earlier, the Duke had piloted the Andover of the Queen's Flight from Hyderabad, where he and the Queen are spending part of their state visit to India, to Gondia, a wartime airstrip.

As the visiting elephants circled their lair the tigers looked up with vague disinterest. They had no fear of the pachyderms. Gone are the days when the local maharaja could shoot 1,200 tigers in a short lifetime and practically wipe them out in that area.

MPs change tune on constitution

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the official opposition in South Africa, has decided to take part in the new constitutional system which it urged its supporters to reject at the whites-only referendum on November 2. The constitution is likely to come into force in the second half of next year.

Pride at home, alarm abroad

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

Argentina's claim that it can produce enriched uranium, used as a fuel for nuclear reactors and a key element in nuclear weapons, has been greeted here with pride and scepticism, but has caused alarm abroad.

Argentina claims it has joined nuclear club

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

The President of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Dr Hans Blix, is arriving in Buenos Aires on a visit which has been a routine visit to Argentine nuclear authorities.

In a press conference late on Friday, the head of Argentina's Atomic Energy Commission announced that his country has become the eighth in the world (after the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, China, France, Holland and West Germany) to achieve independence in all phases of the nuclear fuel cycle.

Admiral Carlos Casto Madero said scientists, working without foreign assistance at secret plants in the southern province of Rio Negro since 1978, have mastered the technology necessary to produce enriched uranium.

Newspapers greeted the news with banner headlines, and President-elect Señor Alfonsín emphasized that when he takes office on December 10, he will "exercise close control over all aspects of our nuclear programme to ensure that it is used only for peaceful aims".

The views of America's allies would be carefully considered before any resumption of arms sales to Argentina, she said on Channel 4's Face the Press.

Argentina has long been suspected of wanting to develop a nuclear weapon by the international community because of its refusal to ratify the Tlatelolco Treaty, which bans nuclear arms in Latin America.

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Nine die as flooding brings chaos to Lisbon

Lisbon - Floodwaters cut Lisbon off from the rest of Portugal over the weekend and caused severe damage in suburbs and towns within a 22-mile radius (Martha de la Cal writes). Nine people died and 11 more are missing. More than 1,000 were left homeless.

Torrential rain late on Saturday turned steep streets built on old watercourses into raging torrents, carrying cars and buses into rivers leading to the coast. The water cut deep canyons in streets, making them impassable.

International and suburban trains stopped, running and highways into the city were under water. Several bridges collapsed, leaving towns isolated. Much of Lisbon and many of the small towns, were without drinking water and telephones. Underground stations were submerged.

The damage was greatest, however, in the poorer suburbs where several hundred thousand people live in illegally constructed buildings and wooden shacks without proper drainage. A great number of the badly built structures were washed away.

Heiress and her son kidnapped

Campo de Carros (AP) - Italian police found the car used in the abduction of a Bulgarian jewelry store heiress and her teenage son but no trace of the kidnapers or victims. It is the second time in eight years that a member of the Bulgarian family has been abducted.

Anna Bulgari Calissoni, age 56, and Giorgio Calissoni, aged 16, were seized from the family villa by men posing as anti-terrorist police. Her 69-year-old husband, Franco, was taken to hospital after being beaten during the kidnapping.

Pilot defects

Islamabad (AFP) - An Afghan SU7 fighter aircraft landed in Pakistani territory and the pilot said he had defected to demonstrate his "strong resentment against the policies of the puppet Kabul regime".

Survivors in the rubble of a doll factory, killing at least 30 people, including scores of others. Police said the collapse was apparently caused by the weight of a fourth floor that was being added.

Collapse kills 30

Bangkok (AP) - Rescue workers yesterday searched for survivors in the rubble of a doll factory, killing at least 30 people, including scores of others. Police said the collapse was apparently caused by the weight of a fourth floor that was being added.

King's choice

Mr Karim Lamrani aged 64, who has been named by King Hassan to lead a transitional "government of national unity" to steer Morocco through a politically delicate period. It faces a 60th referendum on the future of the Western Sahara and the first parliamentary elections since 1977.

Kirkpatrick pledges arms consultation

Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the American Representative at the United Nations, last night said Washington had no grounds for refusing to sell arms to Argentina. But she insisted that America would never sell to a country at war with Britain.

Victim freed

Madrid - After payment of a ransom believed to exceed £500,000, Señor José Larrañaga, a 42-year-old industrialist, was freed by Basque terrorists 11 days after being kidnapped. He was found tied to a tree.

Farmer killed

Harare - A white Zimbabwean farmer shot dead on Friday was killed by a teenage government militiaman, the dead man's employer claimed yesterday. A man is in custody in connection with the shooting of Peter van der Walt, aged 43.

Bunker blast

Pleasant Hill, Iowa (AP) - Tons of dynamite stored in a concrete bunker exploded in a blast felt 10 miles away. Two boys who were hunting in the area before the bunker blew up are missing.

Pedal patrol

Kampala (Reuters) - Blue-uniformed policemen riding heavy black bicycles in the bush may soon become a common sight in Uganda. Britain has donated 1,000 bicycles to the Ugandan force for use in rural areas, Uganda radio said.

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Turkish north's UDI could break Cyprus logjam

From Mario Modiano, Nicosia

As ruffled nationalist feelings in Cyprus subside with time and reason, the unilateral declaration of independence by the self-segregated Turkish minority could turn out a blessing in disguise.



limited central authority at first. This would be broadened progressively as agreement is reached by mixed commissions on other fields of government activity. A key feature of the first step would be withdrawal of military forces from the dividing line to create a 25-mile-wide demilitarized zone (roughly occupying a third of the island) under the exclusive military, but not administrative, control of the United Nations force. Substantial territorial adjustments would be made between the two provinces.

Universally condemned but a political reality, the UDI broke in less than a week the protracted stalemate in a 20-year-old dispute by stimulating an urgent search for a solution.

The Federal President would be Greek Cypriot and the Vice-President Turkish Cypriot, while the legislature would include a parliament elected proportionately and a Senate divided on an equal basis. Five years later, the legislature would be asked to start implementing the plan's final phase, providing for complete demilitarization and a more tightly knit federal structure.

preliminary Turkish Cypriot gesture with the immediate return of the ghost town of Varocha (Famagusta New City) to the Greeks. The step pyramid approach envisages a two-phase deal starting with a loose federation of the two provinces, with

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British readiness to sell arms to Chile regime alarms US

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Reagan Administration is concerned by reports that Britain is considering the sale of Jaguar jets, air-to-surface missiles and a guided-missile destroyer to the military Government in Chile.

The United States fears that the sale of sophisticated military equipment to General Augusto Pinochet's regime could thwart attempts by the new civilian Government of President Raúl Alfonsín in Argentina. Chile's traditional rivalry, to institutionalize democratic rule when it takes office formally on December 10.

In particular, it is feared that an arms build-up by Chile, together with the continued British military presence in the Falkland Islands, will make it difficult for President Alfonsín to curb the power of Argentina's military leaders, as he has vowed to do.

The Americans are also upset by the fact that Mrs Margaret Thatcher seems ready to supply offensive weapons to one of the most repressive military regimes in South America while vigorously opposing United States plans to resume arms supplies to the new Government in Buenos Aires.

British officials have maintained their traditional reticence about the arms talks with the Chilean Government. However, Mr John Lee, the Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, confirmed recently in the Commons that negotiations with Chile for the sale of HMS Antrim "were continuing", although no agreement had yet been reached.

The Antrim is a 6,200-ton guided-missile destroyer which saw service in the Falklands campaign and was deployed off Grenada during last month's US invasion.

According to reports in the United States, put out by the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a Washington-based pressure group on Latin America, Britain is negotiating with Chile for the sale of 12 Jaguar fighter-interceptor aircraft and an unspecified number of Sea Eagle air-to-surface missiles. The Jaguars are in the process of being decommissioned by the RAF and replaced by the new Tornado aircraft.

The Anglo-French Jaguar is more sophisticated than any aircraft in the Argentine Air Force except for its French-built Mirage.

The Sea Eagle missiles are comparable to the Exocets which Argentina used to such great effect against British vessels during the Falklands war.

Britain has for long been a leading supplier of arms to Chile. Earlier this year Britain sold 12 aging Hawker Hunters and three Canberras to the Santiago Government. Talks were also held last summer about the possible sale of the aircraft carrier HMS Hermes to Chile, but these proved abortive.

Salvador massacre puts aid in jeopardy

From John Carlin, San Salvador

With the right-wing death-squad activity escalating and evidence last week of an army massacre of defenceless civilians, the American Ambassador in El Salvador has given warning that respect for human rights is a condition for the US Government's continued endorsement of economic and military aid.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Thomas Pickering said that the leaders of the death squads were playing a game of Russian roulette with the aid. Massacres and death-squad killings, should they persist, could lead to "radical change" in US policy towards El Salvador.

Reporters discovered evidence last week that an American-trained army battalion had massacred at least 20, and possibly as many as 118, men, women and children. Through the *New York Times*, the American embassy recently implicated leading members of El Salvador's security forces and high-ranking military officers in the running of the death squads.

With an average of 200 ritual killings a month in the past three years, the death squads have now set their sights on rural leaders and literacy instructors. The so-called Secret Anti-communist Brigades recently threatened the lives of El Salvador's two leading Roman Catholic primates.

"There is not doubt in my mind that if this were to continue the Congress would be moved to take other action," Mr Pickering said. Ten days ago, Congress gave an indication of what this might mean when it reduced a Reagan request for \$86m (£58m) in aid to El Salvador next year to \$64m.

"Through lack of logic", the rightist assassins were playing into the hands of El Salvador's left-wing rebels, he said. The question is whether right-wing terror "will breed riot at the core of the country, leading to anarchy and leftist domination".

Asked whether the human rights situation would get worse if the United States pulled out of El Salvador, Mr Pickering said he foresaw an immediate escalation of the terror. "In the short term, there is a chance of right-wing nuts and terrorists getting some kind of an upper hand... but they haven't got popular support."

"You can terrorize all of the people some of the time, but you can't terrorize all of the people of the time. The left would gain immensurably, winning massively strong popular support in the country," Mr Pickering said.

East Africa pact agreed on fugitives

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda have agreed not to harbour fugitive criminals from their neighbours as part of a new goodwill agreement intended to improve relations and enhance the security of all three governments.

The decision was overshadowed by an agreement last week on sharing the financial assets and debts of the former East African Community, and by the reopening of the Kenya-Tanzania border which had been closed since 1977. But Tanzania is reported here to have already handed over the two self-confessed leaders of last year's attempted coup in Kenya. Sergeant Pancras Okumu and Private Hezekiah Ochuka fled to Tanzania in a hijacked Air Force aircraft when the coup failed in August last year, and were later granted political asylum.

In return, Kenya is reported to have handed over a former Tanzanian airline pilot, Hattie Maghee, who escaped from prison in Tanzania earlier this year after being charged with treason arising from an alleged plot to overthrow President Nyerere.

Australian uproar over Premier-spy book

From Tony Duboulin, Melbourne

The allegation that Mr Harold Holt, the Australian Prime Minister who disappeared while swimming off Portsea, near Melbourne, in 1967, spied for China has caused a furore in Australia and brought a number of swift and categorical denials.

The allegation is contained in a book by Mr Anthony Grey, the former Reuters correspondent imprisoned in China for two years during the Cultural Revolution. It is to be published in Britain today and later in Australia.

Mr Grey alleges that Mr Holt did not drown in 1967, but that he was taken by two Chinese frogmen, picked up by a waiting submarine at a pre-arranged spot and taken to China.

The story broke when *The Age* in Melbourne published a front-page story on Saturday. The newspaper claimed that the informant for the book was Commander Ronald Mervyn Titcombe, the former Australian naval officer who left the Navy in 1968 and then engaged in a number of different business ventures.

Senator Gareth Evans, the Federal Attorney-General, said that he had information that Commander Titcombe had resigned from the Royal Australian Navy in 1968.

He also said: "On the basis of assurances given to me by the director-general of ASIO, I can deny categorically that Harold Holt was ever investigated by ASIO."

"The whole tale seems to be straight out of fruit cake land."

Obote to spend £125m reviving the economy

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

President Obote of Uganda, who is also his country's Finance Minister, announced at the weekend a revised £125m two-year programme for reviving the economy.

He outlined the plan - revision of one drawn up last year - to leaders of the Uganda People's Congress in Kampala.

Tighter control of spending coupled with increased efficiency in agriculture and industry are proposed. Uganda is trying to move more exports and imports by rail, rather than road, to save money, and is encouraging industries to use electricity from the country's hydro-electric resources rather than imported oil. Non-essential imports will be restricted.

Botha ministers swop posts in mini-reshuffle

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Mr Pietie Du Plessis, the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, has been appointed to replace Mr Fanie Botha, the Minister of Manpower, who resigned last week.

Mr Danie Steyn, the Minister of Education and Training, who handles black education, replaces Mr Du Plessis as Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information, Mr Barend De Plessis, is promoted to Mr Steyn's old job.

The new Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information is Mr Louis Nel, hitherto Deputy Minister of Development and Land Affairs, a post which has been given to a backbench MP, Mr Ben Wilkens.



Prize prisoner: Mr Bernard Coard, the former Deputy Prime Minister under Mr Maurice Bishop, in his cell at Richmond Hill prison in Grenada.

Hunt for Marxist martyr's bones How Maurice Bishop changed from devil into saint

In the first of three articles on the background to the US invasion of Grenada, Trevor Fishlock describes how the late Maurice Bishop changed in American eyes from communist despot to local hero.

We were at the pit of bones. Here, we had been told, lay the remains of Maurice Bishop, the former Prime Minister... of Jacqueline Creft, his Education Minister and mother of his son... and of another Cabinet member who had been shot with them. Soldiers were putting the bones into bags.

Major-General Jack Farris, commander of the American forces in Grenada, said: "It's important that we find Maurice Bishop's body. He was a popular guy, a hero."

This was true. It seemed curious, though, that the Americans should be so solicitous in restoring the bones to the people. To the Reagan Administration, Mr Bishop had been a component of the evil empire, a Soviet and Cuban surrogate. Now, in American perception, he seemed to be making the transition from detested Marxist to martyr.

Maurice Bishop came to prominence in the early 1970s, one of many who returned to the West Indies, fired with political ideas, after education in Britain and the United States. He led activists who took over the rural workers' organization, Jewel, an acronym for Joint Endeavour for Welfare, Education and Liberation. In March, 1979, as the New Jewel Movement (NJM), it overthrew Sir Eric Gairy, the Prime Minister.

Mr Bishop had great popular appeal. People went along with the revolution, such as it was, because of his personality, rather than enthusiasm for communism.

The movement went in for literacy drives, agricultural cooperatives and, with Cuban

help, health-care improvements and a new airport. Dissidents were jailed, an opposition newspaper suppressed and elections ruled out as an interference with the revolution.

In fundamental ways, the island did not change. Most of the economy remained in private hands; two-thirds of the farmers own their land. Mr Bishop was on the American hate-list for Marxist rhetoric and a pro-Cuban stance, but he was a pragmatist. Indeed, it may have been the soft nature of his Marxism which got him into trouble with hard-line colleagues, who began to move for a shared leadership.



GRENADA Part 1

Had he been more astute and ruthless, he would have neutralized the threats. When he went to Washington in June, seeking to defrost the relationship with the Americans, he was under siege at home.

In the event, his downfall was a vital episode in a larger

drama. The Reagan Administration was anxious, even neurotic, about Grenada's Cuban connexions. It was also aching to put the chin, to demonstrate both concern and power.

Some Americans remain sceptical about the Administration's reasons for invasion. They doubt that American students were in danger and needed rescuing.

They are not convinced that the new airport was about to be, as Mr Reagan said, a Soviet-Cuban base, and Grenada a terrorism export centre.

The Administration exaggerated the number of Cubans in Grenada and made other unproved assertions as part of its news management. None of this really matters to the American public which sees it as the cavils of some politicians and journalists - legal and moral niceties.

Victory has its own dynamic and what counts is the spectacle of grateful Grenadians celebrating liberation from Marxist despots, the kicking out of Cubans, an overdue bopping of the Reds.

Small war in Grenada, not many dead: President and the people see a win in a just cause, a plus after many negatives. Tomorrow: Wiping the slate.

The banana boat is back

From Christopher Thomas, St George's

The banana boat has returned to Grenada. It is the ultimate symbol of normality in a country critically dependent on one fickle fruit.

The men who bring the bananas to the docks in St George's cannot really be called farmers. Typically, each has a dozen or so trees on half an acre or less, together with a crop of cocoa and nutmeg. Equally typically, his output plummeted under the demoralizing influ-

ence of the dictatorship of the late Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, and moko, the banana disease, has already wreaked havoc on the trade.

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She was in London last week to record a rare television interview having just completed a new novel. Fresh off the cross-Channel ferry after driving from her home in Italy, where she has lived since 1966, she was full of an incident at sea. A small, bird-like Scot, she has something of the sparrow in her movement and expression; something, sometimes, of the hawk.

"A message came over the intercom for the purser to meet a man from Special Branch. Of course, I was there before anyone else. I'm not a reporter, but I'm nosy. I wouldn't like not to know." The case for disturbance was "a very jolly black man who was later released." She shrugged, but the end of her spectacles and smiled. "Obviously drunk."

Some 40 years ago, fresh off a troopship from Africa, where her marriage had gone sour, Muriel Spark was recruited for her inquiring mind by British Intelligence and sent to Woburn Abbey. "We were supposed to be a German radio station, broadcasting subversive material to their troops. We worked with German prisoners who had ratted - communists, aristocrats and boys who just wanted better rations. I used to take them for walks

and they would teach me German. The first word they made me learn was 'erotic'.

"Anyway, they were broadcasting for us as loyal Germans, telling how Britain was having to employ Italian interpreters because so many Italians had been captured on the Western Front. It was absolute nonsense. We were nowhere near the Western Front." Another report revealed how Hitler had had his pants burned off in the bomb attempt on his life. "It fascinated me because it's very much the way one writes novels. A bit of fact. A bit of truth."

Strangely enough, her career as a writer began with an article after the war for the jewelry magazine Argenteo. "I was fascinated by the decorations in Renaissance paintings and did a feature on the Order of the Golden Fleece. Incredibly, the Evening Standard picked it up. Opening the paper one day I saw an article saying how good my piece was and I said maybe I can write." Her first full-length book was a study of Mary Shelley in 1951. "I was interested in Frankenstein, and it was the anniversary of her death. Now I think she's terribly dreary. I can identify more with the writer than the writer's widow."

Not until 1957, three years after becoming a Roman Catholic, did she publish her first novel. "At first I drew the line at novels. I felt they were a lazy way of writing poetry. Then Macmillan asked me if I would do one and Graham Greene gave me the money to do it." The result was The Comforters, named after "the comforters" in the Book of Job.

Sixteen novels later, Muriel Spark continues to think of herself as "a



Muriel Spark: I'm nosy. I wouldn't like not to know

going concern." She feels the world is newly created every day; each day she looks at it in the same dry-eyed way. "I have a great desire to make people smile - not laugh, but smile. Laughter is too aggressive. People bare their teeth." In 26 years her method of writing, like what she writes about, has changed little. "I get sent exercise books by the gross from a place in Edinburgh, just like I had as a schoolgirl - with 72 pages and a spring spine."

"I wait until I have a kind of caterpillar curled up in my mind. I write the title, my name and Chapter One. Then I start. I like to have the title, which I repeat through the book like a refrain. The rest I make up as I go along." Did the "caterpillar" curl around a character or a theme?

"Mainly a theme. If a character, it must be someone indomitable who will not change whatever circumstances you put in their way. It has to be a person of sufficient importance so one cares about their tragedy. Art is not so democratic. One really doesn't care about people who haven't enough magnitude - by that I mean spiritual magnitude."

How much were her characters drawn from herself? "Flaubert said: 'Madame Bovary, c'est moi.' I know what he means. It's a potentiality rather than oneself one recognizes in them, but they have to be a bit of you or you wouldn't know what you were talking about." Did she have a favourite novel? "The one I've just finished. It's called The Only Problem. To my mind it's my most important."

I'd be quite happy if it was the last book I lived to write."

The Only Problem, published next year, is a modern sexual and theological comedy which asks how a benevolent suffering of this world. Set in France, it centres on a rich Canadian who is writing a monograph on the Book of Job, and his beautiful, unpredictable wife who leaves him over the theft of some chocolates. The Only Problem is suffering. Life would be very dull without suffering. Life is suffering. The novel completes a fascination with the Book of Job which dates from the early 1950s when she attempted a treatise on the subject. "I don't know how it got into the Bible because God comes out so badly."

Her own position in the Catholic Church is similarly unorthodox. "The

'The church is less important than faith... I'm anticlerical'

Church is less important than faith", she emphasises. "It's a kind of bank that keeps the faith from one generation to another. I hate sermons - all our questions to God are absolutely ridiculous, so how can we expect answers. I'm also very anticlerical." It is a dislike compounded, by her experience on the International Commission of English in the Liturgy.

"We're a group of writers who are consulted on the Liturgy's translation into English. We're there as stooges to soothe the conscience of priests. I think they'll take no notice whatever of my objection to prayers that tell God what he's like. Oh God thou art merciful - as if God didn't know."

Muriel Spark describes her religion as "a condition, a sort of brainwashing". Her conversion - "to join the main branch" - was, typically, an intellectual one. "My mother's criticism of me was that my head ruled my heart." Had her heart suffered as a result? "I have a calling. Writing is a thing I have to do. Not many men will suffer for that and people do come before books, so it's best not to have people in your life. I'm willing to subordinate an enormous amount for my work. They say sacrifice, but to sacrifice for a pleasure makes it more pleasurable. If you took away the writer from me, I believe I would not exist at all."

Is her contentment then to lay down the pen with her latest novel not a form of suicide? She smiles once more. A spectacle end returns to her mouth. "I don't know, I might be quite wrong. In fact I've already thought of a title for the next one."

Muriel Spark is interviewed by Frank Delaney on BBC2 tonight at 10.15.

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Putting his stamp on history

People who have very important jobs indeed

No 15: A man who fixes postage stamps for new countries

Most observers were taken by surprise when the Turkish half of Cyprus suddenly declared independence, not to Sterling Gubbins, the postage stamp man, who had been out there for six days in advance.

"You sort of get a nose for these things after a while", he says. "I can smell a new, emerging country up to three months in advance of most people, and I slip out there to get in touch with the next government. Often they don't realize just how important stamps are. These newly created countries are usually obsessed with getting their own nuclear deterrent or joining the EEC, when their first priority should always be getting a decent set of stamps out. Partly so they can write to each other, but mostly to get some cash. Stamps are a big earner from day one."

New governments are often very good at making electronic devices or living rough in the bush, but have very little experience of designing and issuing a set of stamps. That's where Gubbins comes in. He can tell them what colours to use, what sort of pictures to put on the front and how to put perforated holes in sheets of paper, also the name of a quick but cheap printer in SE14.

"You'd be surprised how many of them only want to put their own pictures on stamps, and it takes me a while to persuade them that a portrait series of security Castro lookalikes coming out of the bush isn't going to sell to the punters. This lot in north Cyprus are brighter than average, though - after all, they've already been running the place for quite a while - and I've persuaded them to go in for a lucrative anniversary issue."

Anniversary issues are big money in the stamp world, especially as you are not restricted to events in your own country. It's quite common to find small islands in the Pacific commemorating something like Kipling's birth, or the invention of the pressure cooker.

"I tried to persuade the Turks to do an issue on Dylan Thomas' thirtieth anniversary, but they reckoned that Radio 4 had already done it to death. Besides, they had a look at his poetry and couldn't make head or tail of it, and between you and me I'm not surprised. Anyway, we were in a bit of an impasse situation until it turned out that half the new cabinet were jazz fans, so now we're doing a set of Django Reinhardt stamps, as he died just over 30 years ago. It's going to look very nice, I think, especially as some of the stamps have got the young Stéphane Grappelli on, and his albums still sell very well."

Printing has been held up because no final decision has been taken on what the new country should be called. Sterling Gubbins firmly squashed a proposal to call it Sitoom, which is apparently a local dialect word for freedom. It's for advice like that that his presence is so widely valued.

"Sometimes when the people are very inexperienced they get me in on everything. I went out to one of these African countries not so long ago just to do the stamps and ended up being offered the post of foreign secretary. Very nice, but of course I had to refuse, as you've got to remain impartial in the stamp world. I believe the post went eventually to a bloke who had only come out to help them to get into the World Cup. Half the time they only go independent in order to get into the World Cup anyway. That and the Miss World Contest and the Eurovision Song Contest, if they're near enough to Europe."

And which bit of the world is going independent next?

"That would be telling, wouldn't it? Let's just say it's not a million miles from the bit of Afghanistan that Russia can't reach. Meanwhile, I'm hoping to land the big Hongkong contract."

Meaning?

"The big closing down, everything-must-go issue, old boy."

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research: Island ecology

Dwindling heritage

"The islands of the Pacific and East Indies made an enormous and fateful impact on the minds of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace, the fathers of evolutionary theory", M. L. Gorman of the University of Aberdeen wrote several years ago. "Since then island floras and faunas have continued to play a central role in the development of evolutionary and, more recently, ecological thought."

Quite apart from the fascination of the islands themselves, the study of island ecology acquires a certain urgency as man's progressive destruction of habitats increases the need for natural reserves, which by definition can only exist as "islands in an inhospitable sea of man-modified vegetation or urban sprawl".

Biologists over the years have inevitably changed the emphasis of their speciality from descriptive to predictive, with obvious implications for reserve management for non-specialists, however, it seems likely that the romance of the islands and the gee-whizzery surrounding the island species will continue to be of paramount interest.

'Vampire' birds

Surely one of the most bizarre adaptations ever recorded on an island (or anywhere else) is the behaviour of the "vampire finches" of Wolf Island, about 80 miles north-west of the main Galapagos group. Although the apparently unique blood-drinking habits of the sharp-beaked ground finch Geospiza difficilis septentrionalis had been known since 1964, until last November its activities had never been filmed.

An account of a 12-day filming expedition to the island appears in the current issue of Noticias de Galapagos, Journal of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Isles. Friedemann and Heide Köster found their first "vampire" at work on the third day: "Riding on the lower back of a booby and clinging to the large flight feathers of its folded wings, the finch repeatedly buried its beak deep into the formerly white feathers of the 'elbow', now distinctly marked red by extruding blood. Watching from within a couple of yards, we can clearly see the blood being stepped into the closed beak of the finch as if through a drinking straw."

The finches, the authors discovered later, were also adept at stealing and eating the eggs of other species, working in teams to push the egg away from the nest. Once the egg had broken, however, the team spirit would collapse in a "feeding frenzy".

The authors were surprised that most of the boobies did not react more vigorously against the finches, although when larger

chicks were attacked it was "saddening to see how these comparatively large birds try to get rid of their tormentors by desperately walking backwards and forwards across the nesting area, relentlessly followed by a group of sharp-billed finches pecking at their bloody tails."

Courting pairs in particular, they noted, riding on their backs, pecking and drawing blood from the feather quills. Love conquers all, even in an evolutionary crucible.

Survival lottery

Sometimes it is the sheerest coincidence that determines whether islands, and the creatures unique to them, survive. Aldabra, most distant island of the Seychelles and famed for its giant tortoises, is a perfect example. It is one of the largest elevated atolls in the world, but is unique in its lack of phosphorous deposits.

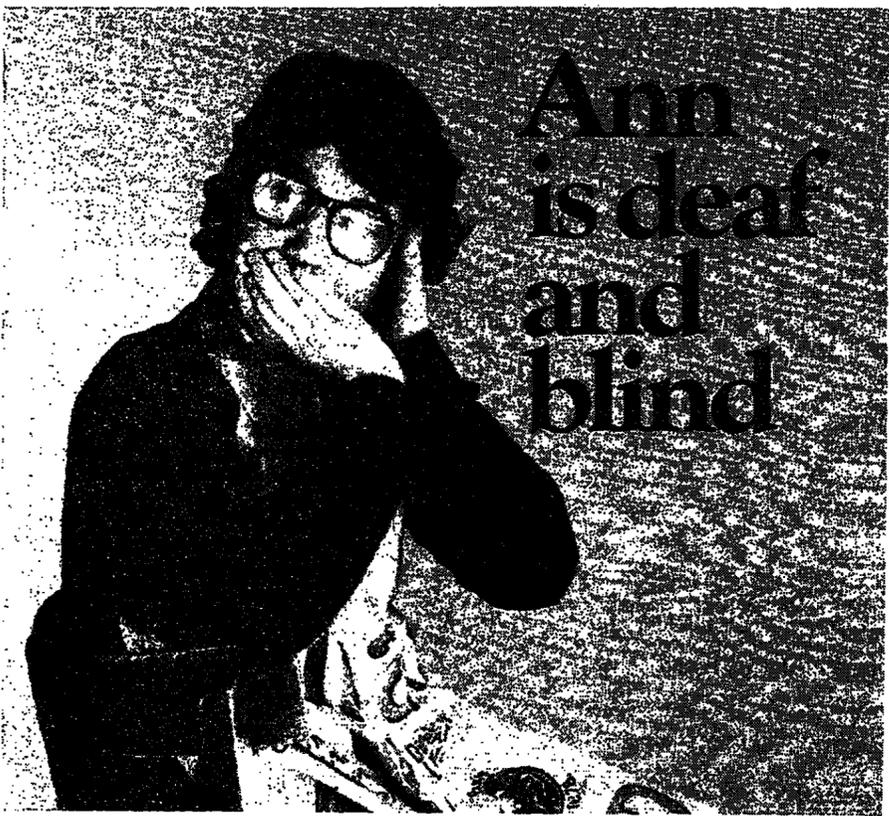
In a recent issue of AMBIO, published by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Dr David Stoddart and Sanny Savvy note that Aldabra has disappeared the mining industries that have disfigured the nearby islands of Nauru, Banaba and Makatea because most of its vast colonies of seabirds nest in unusual concentrations of mangroves around the lagoon margins, so that their guano is flushed away by the sea.

Culling overkill

Australia, an island the size of a continent, is naturally a paradise for any island ecologist. Of its most famous marsupials, the kangaroo and wallaby, there are 57 species throughout Oceania. The red, eastern grey and western grey kangeroos are the subjects of controversy at the moment because confusion over culling policies has raised fears of "a free-for-all overkill", in the words of the World Wildlife Fund.

Aerial surveys are in progress in an attempt to compile more reliable population data; in the meantime, "cases of inhumane killing methods have been reported and bitterly criticized. The state organizations involved are not insensitive to the humane issues but must also take account of the principle of sustainable utilization of wildlife, a principle endorsed by the World Conservation Strategy". WWF notes, Kangaroo meat, hides and other products are big business and exports, particularly to the United States, are thriving.

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Solutions to Saturday's prize concise will appear on Saturday. Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise.

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MODERN TIMES



A sideways look at the British way of life

HANDBAGS by Robin Young

An American woman who saw The Importance of Being Earnest at the National Theatre was delighted, and at dinner the next night enthused: "There is this marvellous moment, just so funny, when the old lady says: 'A purse, Mr Worthing? A purse?'"

Her fellow guests studied their dinner plates in silent embarrassment. "Oh, dear," she exclaimed. "Did I get it wrong? What should it be? A pocket-book?"

As Oscar Wilde and Lady Bracknell knew, there is something intimate and personal about a handbag which makes the discovery of a founding in one peculiarly comic and outrageous. Handbags

remain a source of intense curiosity and speculation. Who has not wondered whether the Queen really carries anything in hers, or what Margaret Thatcher's elegant navy blue model conceals?

In fashionable circles everyone wonders why the Princess of Wales, so archetypally Sloane Rangerish in every other way, eschews the shoulder bag and insists upon filling her armpit or her trailing hand with an underarm pochette.

Princess Margaret, at an informal buffet dinner party among friends, was once observed to set her evening bag on the floor beside her chair. But when she rose to approach the buffet and replenish her plate she carefully picked up the bag and carried it with her. This was instantly diagnosed as touching evidence of her underlying insecurity.

No matter how you handle it, your bag is apt to give you away. It is no coincidence that people say, when anxious to dissociate themselves from some particular style or taste, "It's not my bag". To do otherwise, they feel, would leave them open to ridicule, but then a "ridicule" (alternatively known as "reticule") was itself a bag at the end of the eighteenth century.

Gaelic etymologists can prove a connexion between the Scotsman's "sporrán", a seed sack, and hence the scrotum. When bags first became

fashionable, supplanting girdle pouches, one of the earliest ways of referring to them was, primarily, as "indispensables".

Gladstone, of course, gave his name to a bag, and politicians, wont to be derided as carpetbaggers, have retained some idea of the part a bag can play in projecting the image. In her years as consumer affairs minister, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim made no shrewd move to ingratiate herself with the consumer movement than arriving at the National Consumer Congress carrying her speech in a grocers' plastic carrier.

As an accessory a handbag may seem to lack the versatility of, say, clothes, hairstyles or jewelry as a medium of personal expression. It is hard to know whether to blame manufacturers or customers for this.

The bucket bag was the 1950s, the shoulder bag swung with the 1960s, while the 1970s saw the proliferation of softbags, airline bags, canvas totes and other people's fashionable initials. Our own decade has provided nothing more distinctive than a roll-shaped sac.

There was a time when to have asked to see inside a lady's handbag would have been tantamount to rifling her drawers. In 1974 Bryan

Forbes, the film director, struck a blow for men's lib, refusing to have his bag searched if women's were exempt.

Nowadays airport staff X-ray your bag regardless of sex and display the contents on a screen for any fellow-passenger to see. Every doorman, store detective and cloakroom attendant reserves the right to delve deep among your crumpled Kleenexes, screwed-up sweetwrappers and lost laundry lists.

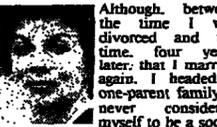
Bad enough to be told that we are what we eat. How much worse to think of ourselves in terms of the mini-rubbish tip we carry around.

I heard for example of the highly paid woman publishing executive whose handbag is half-filled with empty peanut shells. Alas, she fled the country before I could debug her for public exposure. A sentimental woman, I am told carried a quarter of her wedding cake around for years, thinking it would symbolically crumble at her husband's first infidelity.

The bits and bobs in the bottom of the bag may, after all, be a fuller reflection of the true you, than what you see in the vanity mirror. My thanks, then, to the people who allowed me to pry among their personal possessions to show you.

Penny Perrick

How the other half lives



Although, between the time I was divorced and the time, four years later, that I married again, I headed a one-parent family, I never considered myself to be a social problem. According to the conventional wisdom, however, that is just what I was, so I found it very cheering to read Penny Letts' book Double Struggle - Sex, Discrimination and One-parent Families which starts off by stating briskly that one-parent families are "members of an existing and legitimate family form who are particularly vulnerable to social and economic pressures". Quite so.

Nevertheless, single parents are made to feel that the problem resides in them for churlishly refusing to be one half of a parental pair. The founder of a new organization for divorced mothers called the Butterfly Group recently painted a dreadful picture of post-divorce life - your entire circle of friends vanishing into thin air and the only sound at night "the crying of uprooted children".

would certainly not advocate anyone becoming a divorced parent just for the heck of it, but having been one myself, I know that it wasn't always that bad. Not as bad as being a fat, desperate fifteen year old. Not as bad as struggling through the last years of a dying marriage (I think I hear a word of agreement from my ex-husband at this point.)

Most single mothers find it hard to get out to work when there's no husband around to provide a back-up service - share the school run, deal with a pesky boiler, listen to what a vile, stinking day they had.

This was probably why Penny Letts found that lone mothers, as a group, are less likely to be in paid employment than partnered mothers. On the other hand, when single and divorced mothers can conjure up enough stamina and self-confidence to get themselves a job, they usually do rather well at it. A cynical American headhunter I know says that, given half a chance, he'd recommend all his clients to take on divorced women - "they're so grateful". They are also, unlike working mothers who are also

working wives, only pulled in two directions: job/children, rather than job/children/husband. Divorced and single mothers really need to work, not just for financial survival but to build a new life for themselves once that fickle circle of friends has moved on. There aren't that many advantages in being the sole breadwinner in a one-income family but one of them is that you are regarded as a "serious" worker, one who is really committed to her job. Of course a working wife may be just as committed, but as long as her husband gets a salary cheque it is assumed that she will unrelentingly pack in her job the next time her husband complains that his handkerchiefs are inadequately ironed.

As to those crying and uprooted children that so disturb the Butterfly Group founder, it is reassuring to learn that research carried out by the National Council for One Parent Families found that: "There is no evidence at all to show that a child being brought up by a lone parent is less able to grow up into a whole person than one from a two-parent family."

I suspect this research may soon be irrelevant since an increasing number of children now come from two-parent, two-home families. Ex-husbands childmind for entire weekends so that ex-wives can get on with their Open University course; ex-wives, brimming over with sweet reason, agree to attend the Christmas play in return for being left off sports day. Children finding themselves in these particular circumstances may not feel uprooted but they can get very spoiled. Two rooms in two different parental homes in which to smear Arfix and Playdough, two parents consumed with guilt and anxiety and making up for it with a cornucopia of Sindy dolls and Lego and front circle seats for The Jungle Book. Not an ideal situation for a child to cope with but better than one where one parent disappears completely or, indeed, one where two parents decide to stay married "for the sake of the children".

Double Struggle by Penny Letts is published by the National Council for One Parent Families, price £2.95.

Bags of personality

SCORING POINTS

Carl Davis, composer-conductor of the score for Abel Gance's Napoleon, who will perform his scores for Broken Blossoms and The Wind at the London Film Festival on December 1, 2 and 3.

"I got my bags about 10 years ago from a leather-working craftsman's shop in Webbs Road, Clapham. I bought the small one first, then I saw the large one that had been made to measure for a writer who decided he did not want it. I leapt at it because it was big enough to carry musical scores. We have been inseparable ever since, and though I had them long before everyone else started carrying men's handbags, my shoulder bags have not needed any repair."

Inventory Small bag @ This is just an everyday bag, but it does show I have guts a little of leather. @ Address book @ cheque book. @ Large bag @ This carries the composer-conductor's life. A large to mop up after my enthusiastic and energetic efforts @ Korean red ginseng - I make tea for possible headaches @ Sharpener @ Australian steel scissors @ glue, for snipping and pasting @ composer's jotting



since I once knocked my glasses off with my bacon @ bow ties including one called "the Dead Bar" which I bought 15 years ago at Way in and always wear for Hesperian @ Diapers - from Guiltier in Mortimer Street, my favourite is a bit chewed off at the business end, I should really get a more rigid case to hold them in @ spare cellophane - hand-crafted @ armbands @ a big box of Alphus music writer pencils from Hollywood @ pencil sharpener @ Australian steel scissors @ glue, for snipping and pasting @ composer's jotting



ped, with ready printed sleeves from Pacific Music Papers of Los Angeles @ notebook, for thoughts and scenarios and film-scripts @ blank manuscript paper @ Kalmus miniature orchestra scores @ Hitachi dictaphone @ Kent toothbrush @ Videmuscum toothpaste from Sweden, because it has nice flavour @ a comb from Italy @ key to embossed "CARL". @ homeopathic remedies for almost everything @ paracetamol for possible headaches @ Band-Aid @ jar of Australian Vegemite, because I am addicted to it.



CLUTCH OF CHAOS

Rachel Waterhouse, chairman of Consumers' Association.

"I have three bags which

Inventory Most important is the diary, which I would be lost without @ I have a separate address and telephone book because the one I had, which I could transfer from diary to diary year after year, finally got lost @ My small notebook comes from France and has squared paper, which recognizes that you are numerate as well as literate, and which you can never get here @ cheque book @ purse @ keys to the Metro I bought in France,

all look much the same except that one is black, one is blue and one is brown. This is my blue one, and I honestly cannot remember where I got it, though it was probably in Birmingham. It is leather-lined, but I think quite a cheap model. I do often feel I would like a nippy

little shoulder-bag, but I can never keep them on my shoulder, which must mean there's something wrong with me. If I had a more compartmentalized bag I'd lose everything. Can an organizer-bag help a disorganized person? That's what I ask, but I have never tried it."

almost £1,000 cheaper @ house keys @ powder compact won, can you believe? in a driving competition @ pencil @ pencil sharpener @ Boots No 7 lipstick, because I do not know anything about cosmetics @ Madonna Rochus perfume which I like if anyone remembers to give it to me @ a Parker rollerball pen; @ silver belt @ emergency mending kit @ scissors @ thimble @ magnifying glass, for the small print @ liposave @ a Victorian fruit knife with mother of pearl handle and silver blade - I can also use it to cut cake @ endless stamps because I never seem to finish a book @ pen-knife for reading maps in the car @ handkerchiefs @ cards for brightly middle-class things such as the National Trust, RAC breakdown, my hand-dresser, and the Victorian Society - I love Victorian winks @ British Telecom telephone card, because I am addicted to card phones, always calling up from Euston to say what train I'll be on.

LITTLE AND LARGE

Jane Asher, actress, whose second book, Jane Asher's Fancy Dress, has just been published by Pelham Books.

"I always have fairly large bags. I can't imagine, you see, how people manage with the tiny little bags. I can't cope without a shoulder-bag, which I can slip on when I am carrying children. I have a dozen bags, and really use about four, mostly with two side-pockets though I would prefer none. I find handbags difficult to buy but I like this one because the sky blue is a good colour. I have enough useful room, and the zip is quite easy. The label has come off inside - it's from Shura in King's Road. I have had it mended twice at instant-repair places, which I liked it over when the metal things holding the trap went. It's time I got another one really."



Toasted Almond. I must have bought it on my way to a photo session @ eyeliner - also Maybelline - only for photographs @ an eyeliner brush - which is totally useless because I do not have any cake liner in my bag @ two entry boards @ purse @ rotary door card @ Wildlife Fund raffle tickets @ invoice for Gerald - Katie has drawn on it @ child benefit to collect from the post office @ paying-in-book, and cheque to pay in @ world bills a forgotten cheque book an old shopping list @ five matches rescued from Alexander for Katie @ plastic letter Q - I think Alexander must have put that in @ special title cards and notes

whatever they are @ Kent comb, very broad gauge, because I do not like hurting my head @ LWT temporary work pass - they got the wrong show on TV cards including my membership of Berkshire Tennis Club, and another declaring me a proffered guest at the Two Beach Palms Resort, Hot Springs, California @ Welsh tapestry purse my mother gave me - well, she is Welsh @ Scent, decanted from whatever giant bottle I got at Penhaligon's last sale @ my telephone sleep - a National Panasonic Casaphone, which enables me to call in to collect or change my answer machine message @ cheque book from Coutts and Co, chosen because I wanted bank managers to be my servants. They've slipped a bit lately.

MOVING WORDS

Janet Street-Porter, television personality and presenter of After Midnight

"I want you to realize that as a professional woman I do not just have a handbag, I have three briefcases as well, because I have to have something

big enough to carry scripts and lots of old newspapers and magazines I want to read. This one is really a music-case from Bovey and Hawkes - fantastically cheap, only £15 or £16. My others are one with gold-plated handles from Swaine, Adeney Brigg, and a turquoise one from L. Magnum, the Harrods of Beverly Hills. The hand-bag comes from Mulberry in St Christopher's Place, and I liked it because it was like an old-fashioned binocular case."

Inventory @ swimsuit - I am a day member at Grosvenor House and go for a swim anytime I am passing @ shampoo - I can wash my hair in the shower @ Filofax loose-leaf system - all the ladies I know use them @ ideas book - lots of scribbles @ a nice letter @ the daily digest of press clippings about television @ petty cash book @ sunglasses which I carry at the year round, though with my teeth they are no disguise. I have eight pairs of glasses, and two pairs of sunglasses @ kangaroo-shaped make-up pouch, gift from a film producer @ make-up from Cosmetics & Care in Motcombe Street, who will match anything, and Boots in Harrogate. I have two looks - heavy and shocking pink @ liposave against cold sores @ The latest headache pills,

FOUR IN HAND

Penelope Keith, star on television of Sweet Sixteen and Hay Fever at the Queen's Theatre.

"I had a fetish for handbags, and used to buy one whenever I was feeling nervous. I have not done that for a wee while now, but I suppose I still have 10 or 15, four or five of which would be biggies, and three or four of which I use regularly. I got this one, which has been rather well-favoured, in Brighton two or three years ago. Helen Walker, the millionaire businesswoman I play in Sweet Sixteen, has a Gucci bag because I thought that would be right for her. Now I have decided that I would like one myself - perhaps for Christmas."

Inventory @ Filofax - that's my latest toy. With an ordinary address book you never have enough B's or S's, but with this you just slip in extra pages. @ cheque book is from Coutts and Co, chosen because I wanted bank managers to be my servants. They've slipped a bit lately. @ my make-up case is a lot of nice samples, which I love, odd lipsticks, and various eye make-ups, but mostly I use Lancôme. @ powder compact, in a present - rather handsome - and the other mirror is another true offer - from Clinique. @ case of Galium from America. @ nail varnish - I only



have it for my part in Hay Fever - it is Christian Dior J'adore Red which matches my second act dress. @ Braun hair styler, which works with butane gas, is very useful after wearing a wig. @ box of hairpins; @ two keratin grips; @ two more lipsticks; @ an ordinary ball comb; @ some hair letters; cards from well-wishers; @ Vitamin B tablets which I think are even better than Vitamin C for keeping away colds; @ Sweets; an Elizabeth Shaw mint (probably from a restaurant); @ two Polo mints (one cracked) @ a small bar of St Michael's chocolate, with mocha filling, for the journey back in the car. @ I had given to the best gift for the dog - I should think he'll get it in two seconds.

@ sunglasses - in case by chance I have to dash out without eye make-up. @ Italian leather purse from Fortnum and Mason. @ membership cards for the National Trust, my local garden society, and for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (because they were giving away free nesting boxes). @ lace handkerchief, and a cotton one, with my mother's initial on it. @ a ship cartoon I cut out because I thought it was funny - Augusta by Angus McGee. @ my keys, the spare set of car keys and the big bunch I carry for that serviceable elegant figure, my husband, made even heavier by the metal too given us by the hotel we stayed in in Australia.

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The enthronement of an Archbishop of York is an occasion of consequence in the Church of England. As Dr John Habgood said in his sermon it is a great act of worship. It expresses in words and ritual — and not least (by no means least) in music — something of the glory of God. It is a celebration. Indeed all the pomp and procedure of the affair, signified to some extent by the presence in the congregation of the Prime Minister, and by the all embracing antiquity and beauty of York Minster, in which the service was held, testify to the centrality of Anglicanism in the culture and history of England.

Dr Habgood said that it is a reassertion of public faith. Public faith according to the new Archbishop, is about the foundations. That is a questionable emphasis to lay at the start of his Archbishopric. In a moment the believer is in a numbers game — of which some Christian denominations are much guiltier than others — in which religious affiliation is validated simply by the fact that so many others seem to be of the same persuasion, as though one's inner experience needs outward corroboration.

Public faith? Can that really have been the key message of the new Archbishop? It is true he went on to disavow any intention of a "mere puffing up of Christian self-importance." There must be no triumphalism, for sure. And yet. And yet. What can public faith be other than an expression of faith in our institutions, in the cohesion of a society bound by a common tradition and some continuity in its sense of values? In fact, can it be more than an essentially collective emotion in which individuals, be they members of the congregation, sidesmen, choristers or mere onlookers, listeners, and fellow celebrants, in the great wide Anglican communion, are swept up in a seductive ritual and public act of devotion which in all truth cannot be presented as the sure foundation of any kind of true religious faith?

"We don't want just to be individuals. We want to belong to a society which helps us to be what, at our deepest and best, we know we ought to be," said Dr Habgood. Society, in other words, is to be Dr Habgood's foundation for our faith. The judgment of others is not in itself an absolute standard of value. It is a pointer, but it must be the individual through reflection, through self-searching, who reaches the ultimate ethical decision. The moral criterion is self-consciousness. Was it not Peter whom Christ made the rock and foundation of his Church — Peter, who lacked self-control and was fickle in character and hardly exemplary by society's contemporary norms? Does that not suggest that the true foundation must be the individual who is conscious of the collisions within him, rather than somebody who is cast

permanently as the protagonist of good?

Every individual needs renewal from those inner conflicts, but not by pressing them upon his neighbours under the cloak of Christian love, or a sense of social responsibility, or any other collectivist euphemism which merely conceals an unconscious urge to personal power. In planting his emphasis so firmly in the public dimension of faith, at the expense of the essential privacy and uniqueness of religious experience, Dr Habgood was only reflecting the unfortunate collective tendencies which have taken hold of so much contemporary religious activity from the razzmatazz of papal tours down to the involvement of priests of all denominations in all kinds of political and social pressure groups.

The injunction is not to love thy neighbour. It is to love thy neighbour as thyself. To do that you have to know yourself and be conscious of life's eternal paradoxes which ebb and flow within the individual's spirit. To elevate community religion above man's individual struggle to know and love himself and through that self awareness to know and love his neighbour is achieved only by the suppression of those paradoxes.

It is from that suppression that Christendom, for all its professions of good intent, has been a history of schism, of religious wars, of the burning of heretics, of anathemas and iconoclasm. "I am come not to bring peace, but a sword," said Christ. How wildly has organized religion in His name turned that statement into a territorial and doctrinal battleground rather than a search for ultimate unity based on the recognition of tolerable diversity in man's individual spirit and through him to the diversity of each community. How ironic that Christian missionaries fanned out to preach the Gospel of love to heathens while leaving so many spiritual heathens behind them in Europe.

So long as religion is only public faith and outward form men will fight to codify it. They will rise up to correct it. As Dr Habgood said in his sermon, with approval, they must forever be building and forever pulling down. In those circumstances the religious function will not be experienced within our souls, and nothing of importance will have happened to the spirit. Religious experience is absolute and unique. It cannot be disputed. It cannot be codified or collectivized. Today's Christians should therefore no longer cling obstinately to a one-sided credo, ignoring the many schisms of their Church and its contradictions and the attempts to impose dogmatic solutions on matters which are and must remain mysteries of the soul.

Conventional religious education imposes artificial limits on the idea of Christianity. It seeks to specify something which can only be unspecific. The

eternal symbols which have helped man's acceptance of something greater than himself are as old as mankind. They have been translated by Christian ritual into a moment of revelation which, in Christian teaching, suggests that nothing went before. It is as though a cathedral has been built over a pagan temple without the congregation knowing or caring that the pagan temple is still there underneath them. If the mystery is absolute it follows that ritual only helps if it assists mankind to accept the mystery as ineffable. It should help the individual submit to the irrational facts of religious experience. How can they be codified and dogmatized and remain irrational?

It is not therefore a public creed, however impressive, however inspiring, which can lay the foundations for the freedom and autonomy of an individual but that individual's knowledge and awareness of an intensely personal experience which owes nothing to the world of reason or fashion or ritual or society. To try to educate individuals to believe in religion is understandable, but it causes ultimate risks in creating a readiness to believe anything or everything that they do not understand for themselves; and thus as easily and as quickly to disbelieve.

Christians today have to accept that their Church and its public manifestations of faith live in the shadow of 400 years of splits. There is no future in every denomination insisting on its own doctrinal standpoint while hiding behind the Gospel of brotherly love and Christian unity. The only doctrine is that there is a God expressed in many forms, through many languages and symbolised in many rituals. All of them are true. That is no more contradictory than the contradictions of Tertullian: "and the Son of God is dead, which is to be believed because it is absurd. And buried. He rose again, which is certain because it is impossible". No rational set of precepts can be built solely on those paradoxes.

The great world religions of which Judaism, Christianity and Islam all spring from a single source, but also Buddhism, have in their own ways accorded man a central place in the ultimate scheme of things. The foundation of that scheme is the spirit. The rites emphasise spiritual renewal, born of the struggle between the opposites of good and evil. With great respect to the new Archbishop it is not a question of anyone not wanting to be "just an individual" in this struggle, preferring the protection of society. We are and will remain individuals. We cannot be otherwise. The spirit of man is not some social endowment. It rages within each individual where the God of love is also the God of war; where light and darkness alternate and intermingle for ever. That is the divine conflict within us. That is the way of the Cross.

WHEN A MARRIAGE HAS BROKEN DOWN

Important social issues are raised by the Government's Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, which is to be debated by the House of Lords today.

At present divorce proceedings cannot be started within three years of the date of the marriage unless leave of the court is obtained on the ground that the case is one of exceptional hardship suffered by the petitioner, or exceptional depravity on the part of the respondent. The purpose of the bill is to discourage irresponsible or trial marriages and to provide an external buttress to the stability of marriages during the difficult early years. The Bill now seeks to replace this provision by an absolute bar on petitions for divorce within one year of marriage, without exception.

The main reason for the proposal, which was initially recommended by the Law Commission, is that the present rule works unsatisfactorily and is inconsistent with the policy of our present divorce law, that a marriage which has broken down irretrievably should be dissolved with the minimum bitterness, distress, and humiliation. It requires a spouse seeking leave to petition for divorce within the three year period to make the most unpleasant allegations against his or her partner in order to make out a convincing case. This does nothing to help either party to come to terms with the breakdown of the marriage, or to adopt a conciliatory attitude towards the resolution of problems such as the upbringing of their children.

Would the change make divorce easier? The answer must

be yes. But that is not the real issue. The question is whether the proposal would further undermine the institution of marriage. To a large degree this must depend on the extent to which the present rule still fulfils its original function. It is, in fact, highly doubtful whether it really does discourage people from entering into hasty marriages. There cannot be many people, even nowadays, who marry with one eye on the altar and the other on the divorce court.

Such evidence as there is tends to suggest that the restriction only preserves, for an arbitrary period of time, for legal bond between some couples whose marriage has, in fact, irretrievably broken down. The proposal should therefore not be seen as a new threat to the institution of marriage. It does no more than develop the policy of the Divorce Reform Act 1969. Viewed from that perspective, the advantages of the proposed change clearly outweigh its disadvantages.

The merits of the proposed changes to the principles governing financial awards after divorce are no less debatable. The present statute requires the court to consider all the circumstances of the case, and then to try to place the parties in the financial position in which they would have been had the marriage not broken down. The statutory objective embodies a principle of life-long support at the standard enjoyed during the marriage. The principle is rooted in the concept of marriage as a life-time union and reflects an earlier law of divorce founded on the doctrine of the matrimonial offence. Now that divorce (and remarriage) is no longer exceptional, and irretrievable break-

down rather than fault is the ground of divorce, the statutory objective has become inappropriate as the primary aim to be achieved by financial orders after divorce. It is also rarely attainable in practice, because a husband with two homes (and often two families) to support will seldom have the resources to maintain the first one at its previous level.

The Bill rightly proposes the removal of the present statutory objective. But something is needed to replace the principle of life-long support. The Bill would require the court to give priority to the welfare of the children in its consideration of all the circumstances (which already happens), and to consider in every case whether it would be "appropriate" to make an order finally terminating the parties' financial obligations towards each other, either at once or after a period of adjustment. That apart, the Bill is quite directionless. Nothing is said about the aims to be pursued when a "clean break" is not appropriate (presumably the majority of cases), nor about how the court is to decide when such an order would be appropriate.

There must of course be flexibility in this branch of the law, because of the widely varying facts of each case, but there is a real danger that the almost complete lack of guiding principles in the Bill would create widespread uncertainty and inconsistency of practice. The danger here is particularly acute because the decisions involve the exercise of a judicial discretion and so are rarely appealable. The courts are entitled to more guidance than this from Parliament.

Flaws in reform of Oxford entry

From the Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference

Sir, It is the ambition of many of the most intelligent sixth formers in the country to win a place at Oxford or Cambridge. The Dover committee's reforms at Oxford are presumably designed to spread this still more widely.

In so far as they simplify the entrance procedure, they will do so. The amendments by which colleges may set their own written tests as part of their interviews, and may express preferences for the E or the N mode of entry, not just college by college but subject by subject, make one wonder how successful they will prove to have been.

Whatever has been achieved is at the expense of sixth-form education as a whole. Because of their pre-eminence, Oxford and Cambridge set standards and influence attitudes. Now Oxford is only to examine sixth formers more than six months before they take their A levels.

It seems a topsy-turvy method of selection. Academically it will favour the early developers, notoriously not always those who prove the soundest or most tenacious scholars in the long run. Socially, it will handicap those who, deprived of a good start at home, are only gradually discovering in sixth forms or sixth-form colleges the excitement of intellectual exploration.

It is also the method most likely to damage the sixth-form curriculum. Just when there are hopes of enabling gifted sixth formers to develop their talents more widely, and so equipping them to play their leading role in society more effectively, Oxford, examining earlier, encourages earlier specialisation.

The non-examined method of entry may appear the obvious answer. But there is merit in a system by which Oxford and Cambridge, and we must hope that a solution may soon be found which is more beneficial to our best students and more closely linked to the national curriculum which they follow.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER ELLIS, Chairman,
The Headmasters' Conference,
Marlborough College,
Marlborough,
Wiltshire,
November 17.

From the Headmaster of Shrewsbury School

Sir, If Oxford University's decision to abandon the seventh-term entry examination has been taken because the present system is held to be unfair to some candidates then, on the ground of fairness to all university candidates and to the other universities, should it not now give up its special entrance examination altogether?

Every other British university apart from Cambridge has to select its candidates without recourse to a special exam with results that seem no better and no worse than those of "Oxbridge".

From 1985 an increasing number of boys and girls who want to try for a place at Oxford will in practice have to sit a highly competitive examination, with all the special preparation this involves, some six or seven months before they take their A levels. This appears to many of us to be putting the dubious special status of the Oxford exam before the best interests of the candidates and of the university entry system as a whole.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. B. LANGDALE, Headmaster,
The School,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire,
November 12.

Video violence

From Miss I. Hayes

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Arthur Butterworth (November 16), is confusing fact with fiction. Horrors seen in real life by people who have not sought them out have a different psychology from the horrors invented by film-makers for money.

Perverting people watch video nasties for enjoyment and are tempted to imitate them. They are shown how to commit extra cruelties which they themselves could not invent.

The point of censorship is to protect people like Mr Butterworth from becoming the victims of sadistic crimes which less stable characters have been shown how to perform on video.

Yours,
I. HAYES,
The New House,
East Grafton,
Marlborough,
Wiltshire,
November 16.

Business confidence

From the Chairman of Reed International plc

Sir, In his letter of November 15 Mr Martin Wassell used your leader on the CBI conference for a generalized attack on the "gloom-mongers of the CBI" and the general competence of British managers.

It is true that some employers who spoke at the conference were gloomy because the victims of sadistic crimes which less stable characters have been shown how to perform on video.

They have faced up to the recession and come through it. The companies they work in are leaner and fitter and better equipped to design, make and sell their products, because they have made them so. Both productivity and profitability have been improved, largely through the efforts of management and not because of any major recovery in the markets they serve.

Mr Wassell criticized British

Sound basis for negotiations on Cyprus

From Mr Francis Noel-Baker

Sir, On Tuesday I returned from my forty-fifth visit since Eden sent me to Cyprus to mediate between Makarios and Harding. I visited both sides and met leading Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

Inter alia, we discussed UDI and I warned them, verbally and on paper, against it because it would freeze the present partition, delay talks with Greek Cypriots and disturb mainland Turkey's relations with the Community.

Personally, however, I do not believe that Mr Denktash's declaration has changed much in Cyprus. I have long thought that the UN's "megaphone diplomacy", through inter-communal talks, was doomed to fail.

I am now more than ever convinced that the best hope is a sustained and persistent low profile shuttle mission, without publicity, to sound out the four parties (of whom Ankara and Greek Nicosia are decisive). It could seek to establish the real positions of the parties, if a basis for meaningful negotiations emerged by then, the parties could be invited to meet — not before. If not, no harm will be done.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
FRANCIS NOEL-BAKER,
10 Drayton Gardens, SW10,
November 18.

From Lord Bethell and others

Sir, We are pleased that the Government has, albeit belatedly and as a result of a further deterioration of the crisis, invoked the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee on Cyprus and invited our treaty partners, Greece and Turkey, for consultations on Cyprus's future. We in Friends of Cyprus have on many occasions urged this course through your columns on successive British governments.

We invite the Government now to put Cyprus on the agenda of next week's Commonwealth conference. Their views on the "hijacking" of a large island by a fellow Commonwealth country would be welcome at this stage, especially since it has been suggested that one or two Commonwealth countries, such as Malaysia and Bangladesh, might be ready to recognise the new "state".

Still, at least Mr Denktash's declaration of "independence" has put paid to the myth that prevailed in official circles since 1974 that inter-communal talks on their own could solve Cyprus's problems.

Whether or not Ankara knew of the decision in advance, the presence of about 18,000 of her troops in the north of Cyprus will place the Turkish government in a particularly awkward position vis-à-vis her various treaty obligations. We cannot imagine how Turkey will

explain this to her Nato partners or to the other two guarantor powers.

The United States policy of leaving Cyprus on the "back burner" has also proved a failure. Nearly 10 years of separation, with no effective outside power showing willingness to mediate, have served only to make the two communities harder to reconcile.

We are encouraged to note that the Government now seems ready to carry out its duties under the Treaty of Guarantee and, for the sake of peace in the eastern Mediterranean, we implore Greece and Turkey to work seriously with Britain in this initiative.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS BETHELL, Chairman,
ALFRED DUBS, Vice-Chairman,
CYRIL D. TOWNSEND, Vice-Chairman,
Friends of Cyprus,
Palace of Westminster, SW1,
November 18.

From Mr Paul Mullins

Sir, Why should the partition of Cyprus not formally be recognized? The Turkish Cypriots will surely be reluctant to ever engage in more than the loosest federation with their fellow Greek islanders, after their own appalling experiences during the long and farcical campaign for Enosis (union with Greece) waged by the Eoka terrorists prior to 1974.

With the island now tranquil because it is divided the best that can be hoped for is in effect two separate states under one federal umbrella — perhaps that of the UN.

If there is to be any reconciliation in Cyprus, it must be between two parties of equal standing, and this means that the fictitious veil of Turkish illegality must be cast off. There is no fault on both sides, which the current legal situation does not recognize.

Britain, Greece and Turkey, as guarantors of the 1960 treaty of independence, have a duty to find a practical solution to the Cyprus problem. This sadly must include recognizing that the island is divided for good, and for the better.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MULLINS,
22 Bromfield Street, N1,
November 16.

Efforts to save Calke Abbey

From the Chairman of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty

Sir, For the past year the National Trust has been seeking ways to save Calke Abbey in Derbyshire. Our efforts so far have been in vain and the Calke estate will, accordingly, soon come under the hammer, unless the Government can be persuaded to help.

The importance of Calke lies in the timeless quality of the house, its contents, outbuildings and splendid landscaped park. As a document of social history it can have few equals. The whole estate comprises one of the few remaining unspoilt tracts of countryside in the unenclosed and built-up area of south Derbyshire.

The National Trust would open the house and park for the benefit and enjoyment of the public, and its programme of repair and conservation would, over the years, make a significant contribution to employment in the area.

On the death of his elder brother in March, 1981, Mr Henry Harpur-Crewe and his trustees faced a huge capital transfer tax liability. The only way to keep Calke intact was to offer it in lieu of tax to the Treasury, with the intention that the property should pass to the National Trust.

After lengthy negotiations, the Treasury agreed to accept the house, its contents and the immediately surrounding parkland, all of which were classed as "heritage value". No allowance was made, however, for any endowment to come to the National Trust, either in the form of outlying land, or a capital sum raised from the sale of land. The Trust could not be expected to take the property on these terms, and with time now running out, the Harpur-Crewe trustees have been forced to begin the process of selling.

When the National Heritage Memorial Fund was established in 1980 it was recognized by the Government in Parliament that special assistance by way of a supplementary grant to the fund might well be needed if more than one property of national importance came under threat at the same time.

It must be appreciated that as a result of the recent rescue operation for Belton House, the National Heritage Memorial Fund may not be able to provide the necessary funds to save Calke without further recourse to the Government. The National Trust is asking Ministers to exercise the discretion already provided for in the heritage legislation to accept the land which would enable Calke Abbey to be endowed and preserved for the nation.

Yours faithfully,
GIBSON, Chairman,
The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty,
36 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1,
November 17.

Church and remarriage

From the Bishop of Knarborough

Sir, May I clarify the purpose of my amendment to the remarriage proposals before the Synod, as reported in *The Times* of November 11.

The wording accepted by Synod makes no judgment as to whether vows can or cannot be rescinded, but speaks rather of "release" from the "effects and obligations" of those vows; and it does this in a firmly pastoral rather than juridical context, "for the quieting of your conscience".

My amendment, however, also makes plain, and this was my purpose in moving it, that this release can only be of a limited nature. Many of the commitments arising from a previous marriage are, by their very nature, lifelong and these go far beyond what any court of law may require. There is the lasting commitment of love towards any children. For Christians there must also be a lasting concern for the wellbeing of the previous partner.

No release therefore can be total. My amendment has, I hope, clarified this point by speaking of such release as being only from those obligations "which are now incapable of fulfilment", thereby leaving the rest intact.

Yours faithfully,
† JOHN KNARESBOROUGH,
16 Shaftesbury Avenue,
London W1,
West Yorkshire,
November 12.

Winged chariot

From Mr Richard Aplin

Sir, Dr Pumphrey (November 12) can surely not have missed the discovery of another contender for the shortest measurable interval of time. I refer to the period elapsing between Minister Bruce Kent speaking his mind and a Tory MP asking for his position to be reviewed. I venture to suggest this unit be called "a hume".

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD APLIN,
Hare Cottage,
20 Eastone Road,
Middle Barton,
Oxford,
November 16.

Path of error

From Mr Paul Jennings

Sir, Some lines composed upon reading my own article (line 2) in *The Times* today:

"Vitas media non scripta,
Cum scribam was not tippy!
"Was not tippy" was not tippy!
Sed error crept into this quote,
Quomodo, knows only Deus —
Error cret non est mens!

Yours sincerely,
PAUL JENNINGS,
Hill House,
Rectory Hill,
East Bergholt,
Near Colchester,
Essex,
November 17.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government's changes in industrial relations legislation. This is a travesty. Not only has the CBI consistently supported the Secretaries of State for Employment in the Bills they have introduced since 1979, it has also played a significant role in their original construction.

However, good industrial relations are not made by law alone; they are made by enlightened management and responsible trade unions and employees.

Finally, Mr Wassell talks of his "not inconsiderable contact with foreign businessmen". I have such contacts, too. Like him I find them full of admiration for the resolution that has been displayed by Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues. I also find a similar degree of admiration for the way in which British employers have responded to the toughest economic environment the world has seen since the war and one which hit Britain first and most severely.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX JARRATT,
Reed International plc,
Reed House,
83 Piccadilly, W1,
November 16.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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HATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 20: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy this afternoon visited the Ditchley Foundation at Ditchley Park, Oxfordshire, and attending the concluding phase of a Conference on World Wood Resources and the Problem of Deforestation.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales will attend a dinner given by the Jewish Welfare Board to mark the 125th anniversary of its foundation at Guildhall on March 6, 1984.

The President of France will pay a state visit to the United Kingdom in October, 1984.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. M. Casey and Lady Arabella Peilhan. The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Casey, of Peckham, Surrey, and Arabella, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Yarborough.

Mr C. G. Hermon-Taylor and the Hon Mrs A. Sheppart. The engagement is announced between Christopher Hermon-Taylor, of Chichester, Sussex, and Angela Sheppart, of Battersea, London.

Mr P. A. Craft and Miss H. K. Greenaway. The engagement is announced between Peter Alan (Dick), only son of Mr and Mrs John Craft, of Carleton Bay, Cornwall, and Harriet Kathleen, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Frank Greenaway, of Ewell, Surrey.

Parliament this week

Commons Today (12.30): Trade and Economic Development Bill, 1983. Second Reading. The Secretary of State for Industry will move the Bill.

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Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the games of the 23rd Olympiad at Los Angeles, United States, in July and August.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Whitbread Trust, will visit the Washington Waterfront Park, Washington, Sunderland on December 7.

The Prince of Wales will go to sea in HMS Glasgow from January 24 to 26.

Princess Anne will visit the Bristol Telecom Centre, Business Centre, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of Subscriber Trunk Dialling, on November 21.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, will attend the "No Forgetting" Association's Christmas Party at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, on December 13.

A memorial service for the Very Rev Hedley Burrows will be held today at 2 in Hereford Cathedral.

Mr C. W. Mellors and Miss G. A. Menno. The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mrs. J. Matthews of Netley Abbey, Southampton, and the late Mr. S. W. Mellors and Georgia, Association of Mr and Mrs F. A. J. Abreu, of 36 Cumberland Terrace, Regent's Park, London, SW1.

Mr P. J. Thompson and Miss S. V. Littlejohn. The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Grazeville Thompson, of Denny, Derbyshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Littlejohn, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. B. Taves and Miss J. E. Munn. The engagement is announced between Moscar Brandao, son of Sr and Sra J. C. V. Torres, of Itabuna, Brazil, and Jane Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. D. Munn, of Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire. The marriage will take place in Brazil on December 17.

Among those present were: Mrs Leslie Pugh (widow), Dr and Mrs P. G. Pugh (widow), Mrs J. Pugh (widow), Mrs M. Pugh (widow), Mrs N. Pugh (widow), Mrs O. Pugh (widow), Mrs P. Pugh (widow), Mrs Q. Pugh (widow), Mrs R. Pugh (widow), Mrs S. Pugh (widow), Mrs T. Pugh (widow), Mrs U. Pugh (widow), Mrs V. Pugh (widow), Mrs W. Pugh (widow), Mrs X. Pugh (widow), Mrs Y. Pugh (widow), Mrs Z. Pugh (widow).

The Rev M. B. Dewey. The Bishop of Ely pronounced the blessing at a memorial service for the Rev M. B. Dewey held in the chapel of Pembroke College, Cambridge, on Saturday. Memorial services were also held at the Rev T. Mendel also took part in the service. Apart from members of the family present those attending included: Mrs J. Pugh (widow), Mrs K. Pugh (widow), Mrs L. Pugh (widow), Mrs M. Pugh (widow), Mrs N. Pugh (widow), Mrs O. Pugh (widow), Mrs P. Pugh (widow), Mrs Q. Pugh (widow), Mrs R. Pugh (widow), Mrs S. Pugh (widow), Mrs T. Pugh (widow), Mrs U. Pugh (widow), Mrs V. Pugh (widow), Mrs W. Pugh (widow), Mrs X. Pugh (widow), Mrs Y. Pugh (widow), Mrs Z. Pugh (widow).

succession to Miss John Woodgate and Sir John Winniford, who retire on November 30.

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Cardinal's coded message over Kent

The cardinal has profited by the monsignor's notoriety. Ecclesiastical declarations on abstract moral issues have, in media terms, a high "so what" rating. Three years ago, his considered opinion on nuclear morality would have been worth very little space and time. Now he is the authority to whom Britain's best known clergyman is ultimately answerable, and through whom there is an inescapable connexion between the cardinal and Britain's principle mass protest movement. And there is always the Roman Catholic Church impinging on English public life, for historical and subconscious reasons. Furthermore, from the church's point of view, Mgr Kent has taken Catholicism where it has rarely been before, into the world of the secular humanist and liberal agnostic left. People who would never normally have a civil word to say to a Roman priest now find themselves being led by one, and being passionately loyal to one.



The sad and the proud: Faces among the hundreds of Jewish ex-servicemen and women who marched from Horse Guards Parade to the Cenotaph yesterday for their annual remembrance day parade (Photograph: John Manning).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy: Mr M. Bennett to be DPMST, Feb 84. Mr J. B. Smith to be DPMST, Feb 84. Mr J. B. Smith to be DPMST, Feb 84.

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Dinners

Garrick Club: Members of the Garrick Club held their annual dinner yesterday. Mr Drew Middleton was the guest of the club and the toast of the guest was proposed by Sir Nicholas Henderson.

Wellington School Association: The annual dinner of Wellington School Association was held at the Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Saturday.

Service dinner: The High Sheriff of Cornwall, Miss Elizabeth Johnstone, was the principal guest at the Cornwall Light Infantry Officers' Club which was held at the Falmouth Hotel on Saturday.

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Marriages

Dr G. Williams and Miss C. A. Evans. The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mark's, Woodcote, Surrey, between Dr Garth Williams, only son of Sir Alwyn and Lady Williams, of The Priory, Woodcote, Surrey, and Miss Caroline Anne Evans, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Evans, of Purley, Surrey. The Rev Richard Gibbs officiated.

Mr R. A. Bunting and Mrs K. A. Schuster. The marriage took place on Saturday, November 19, 1983, in London between Mr Roger Anthony Bunting, son of Mr William Bunting, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Mrs K. A. Schuster, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter N. Prebensen.

Captain W. A. Shuttleworth and Mrs B. M. Owen. The marriage took place in London on Saturday, followed by a service of blessing in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, between Captain William Ashton Shuttleworth, 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), son of the late Lieutenant Commander J. A. Shuttleworth and of Mrs J. A. Shuttleworth, and Mrs Belinda Mary Owen, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. M. Gray. Mr Claude Hanks-Drielsma was best man.

Dr Cecil Reginald Birch, of Bristol, the scientist, who from 1935 worked in the physics department at Bristol University, and whose inventive microscopy and medicine, left estate valued at £10,985 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax): Broadway, Mr Alan, of Petersfield, Hampshire, £372,616; Huggins, Miss Winifred Margaret Alice, of Paignton, Devon, £213,703; Leah, Mr John William Wainwright, of Poxton, Derbyshire, £161,717; McAvoy, Mrs Ethel May, of Rainham, Kent, £285,059; Shipway, Mr Henry, of Solihull, West Midlands, £332,591; Smith, Mr John Albert, of Chart, Kent, £354,843; Hatley, Mr William Mason, of Landbeach, Cambridgeshire, £554,332; Whitlock, Mrs Kathleen Amy, of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, £445,327; Woodhouse, Mr Richard Harold, of Iwerne Minster, Dorset, £462,335.

University news

Appointments and elections: George Eastman visiting professorship at the University of Cambridge, 1984-85. The University of Cambridge has appointed George Eastman as visiting professor of photography for 1984-85.

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Science report

A question of culling or cutting. By Tony Samstag. Attempts to call elephants in order to save woodlands in national parks may be a case of too little and too late or may require unacceptably high levels of slaughter.

Probably realize they have an elephant problem when it is too late for culling to be effective.

Predicting the effect of culling is difficult at the best of times: different mortality patterns caused by elephant browsing "mean that the different tree species behave differently under the same elephant population".

"Therefore culling may stabilize some tree species but not others, or more elephants may have to be shot to stabilize some tree species compared with other species".

In constructing a number of models to predict the effects of culling, the author assumed a 50 per cent elephant call in many examples. The latest census figures suggest that would have meant shooting more than 12,000 elephants.

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For his state ownership was anathema, and though he loyally carried out his responsibilities after the take-over in 1948, he never made any secret of his loathing of the right control by the British Transport Commission and its agent, the Railway Executive, or of his determination to do all he could to bring the railways back to the hands of the public.

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OBITUARY SIR G. BROMET Air service in two wars

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Bromet, KBE, CB, DSO, who died on November 16 at the age of 92, served during the First World War in the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service, before joining the Royal Air Force in 1918. He served until his retirement in 1938. However at the outbreak of the Second World War he was re-employed, and served throughout hostilities.

Bromet served with distinction in the RNAS during the First World War, being commended at the Dardanelles and later receiving the DSO for his work as commanding officer of a squadron operating over the Channel from Dover.

During the remainder of a career which was with the RAF from its formation, Bromet spent a good deal of time in appointments which involved aerial cooperation and maritime air power, and when war broke out again in 1939 and he was recalled to service, he first went to Coastal Command as Senior Air Staff Officer at HQ, before taking over as AOC-in-Command at Plymouth from 1943 to 1945 when he was finally retired, as was senior British Officer, Azores Forces.

He was twice married, first in 1917 to Margaret, a daughter of Major Ratcliffe. She died in 1961 and he married, in 1965, Air Commandant Dame Jean Condon Doyle, DBE, daughter of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Director of the WRAF from 1963 to 1966.

HON R. O. STANLEY. The Hon Richard Oliver Stanley, who has died at the age of 63, was the Conservative MP for the North Fylde division of Lancashire from 1950 to 1966, and Joint Treasurer of the Conservative Party from 1962 to 1966.

He was born on January 29, 1920, the second son of the Rt Hon Lord Stanley, MC, and educated at Eton. During the Second World War he served in the Grenadier Guards, reaching the rank of captain. After the war he joined the staff of the Conservative Central Office.

Stanley was parliamentary private secretary to the First Lord of the Treasury from 1951 to 1955. After retiring from the House of Commons in 1966, he was a member of the Gaming Board from 1968 to 1977.

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Sotheby's

Forthcoming Sales

If you are thinking of selling, some of our specialized sales are listed below. To allow time for the worldwide distribution of our catalogues, items should reach us before the closing dates mentioned. If you have an item that you wish to include in these or any other sales please telephone (01) 493 8080 Ext. 123 for details.

Table with columns: Subject, Venue, Closing date for entry, Enquiries (01) 493 8080, Sale date. Includes items like Clocks & Watches, Medals, Postage Stamps, Modern British Pictures, Jewels, Prisms, Furniture.

This week's sales

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THE ARTS

The experience of 'Good and Bad at Games', which opens at the London Film Festival today, has fired William Boyd with enthusiasm for more scriptwriting: interview by John Preston

Exploring all the richness of adolescence

The path from novelist to screenwriter can be a tricky one to negotiate. The dialogue that sits happily bolstered by descriptive chunks on the page often sounds lifeless and awkward in front of the cameras.

public-school life were an almost extinct breed. Young authors who had been privately educated tended to look shifty and mumble inaudibly when questioned too closely about their privileged backgrounds.

experience at the age of 17 or 18 in terms of prestige and adulation, particularly if they are good at games, which they will never again recapture in their adult lives.

still planning to get his own back on the person responsible for making his life hell? At 31, and prompted by the success of 'An Ice-Cream War', Boyd has recently taken the plunge and given up his job as a lecturer in English Literature at St Hilda's College, Oxford, to become a full-time writer.

thinks that in America he will find the answers, the antidote, but all these dreadful things happen to him and he has to fall back on the reserves which his culture, his nationality and his upbringing have provided him with.



Photograph of William Boyd by Peter Tyrone

Tea years ago stories about

Concerts

Not a moment let go to waste

Arditti Quartet Huddersfield Festival

Once again, as each November, the musical mind of the country has taken itself to Huddersfield, whose Contemporary Music Festival is bursting with new things.

glissandos, networks of double stoppings, harmonies in high isolation. If these are sloughs of despond, there are also barbs of obviousness to set the music racing again with intellectual and expressive energy.

unpredictability as shooting string flames hurled from the woodwind's dance, disrupting its very urbanity. And the same highly strung, instantaneous responses, the same raw nervous reactions which Sir Georg, unfailingly whips from his players, made the 'Sylphs' Dance" a barely voiced, yet tingling ghost-waltz.

LPO/Solti Festival Hall

It was a concert that seemed a little too effortful in the assembling, and just a little too easy in the despatch. On Friday Haydn's "Military" Symphony became an overture, three pieces from Berlioz's 'Damnation of Faust' acted as a lightweight entrée, and the Brahms Violin Concerto ended a rather incohesive and ultimately strangely unsatisfying concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

So how to account for the weary, lack-lustre air and the fact that some dancers were doing markedly less well than they did in the same roles only last season? Why this loss of spirit, and how can it be remedied? Must heads roll (and, if so, whose), or will gentler measures prove enough? Whatever the answer, it is needed quickly.

Dance

Royal Ballet Covent Garden

We all know that the Royal Ballet is not exactly at its highest peak just at present, but there is no excuse for it to appear quite so depressingly poor as it did last week. The customary miscasting (based on the assumption that anyone who has been named a principal dancer must be suited to principal roles) was only partly to blame.

Publishing

The wild western winner

The Congressional Gold Medal has, for the second time, been given to a writer. The poet Robert Frost was the only author out of a total of 69 previous distinguished Americans to be so honoured, the first recipient of the award being George Washington.

Television

Brilliant British raid on the Americans

Where were you when they broadcast Kennedy? (ITV in Britain, 24 other channels in far-flung places round the globe). Glued to the set no doubt, or at least checking that the video was working. Any difficulties you may have had in fitting your mental template of J.F.K. over the natter, rounder features of Martin Sheen will not, in all probability, have detracted from your absorption in either the portrait of bygone days of the story itself.

Pop music

R.E.M. Dingwalls

Listening to R.E.M.'s debut album, 'Murmur', has been one of the year's most furtive pleasures for lovers of American garage punk rock. The record's selection of subdued Southern allusions and downbeat metaphysics has set this four-piece, from Athens, Georgia, at a pronounced angle to contemporary music because of 'Murmur's' dark moods and

Television

Michael Church

are such an unlikely looking bunch of scruffs, with their unkempt image and home-made haircuts, that they fall back into the eccentric mould once inhabited by the Lovin' Spoonful.

Friday night's Arditti Quartet recital was typical. The classics were Carter's Second and Third Quartets, both of them joined by a recent outburst from Xenakis, 'Tetra', and a brand new quartet by James Dillon.

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Playing continuously over a stretch of 20 minutes, it occupies a world of chattering brilliance interspersed with periods of lethargy. All four instruments enjoy playing with quick figures in the cold, clean air at the top of their registers, although sometimes the cello may stride a bass line in the even rhythmic values that give so much of the piece a decisive drive.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Nov 14. Dealings End, Nov 25. Contango Day, Nov 28. Settlement Day, Dec 5. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

Main stock market table with columns for Stock, Price, Change, Dividend, and Capitalization. Includes sections for BRITISH FUNDS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, DOLLAR STOCKS, BANKS AND DISCOUNTS, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES, and COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Burnett loses its star performer image

The City will be looking for a reassuring statement on prospects at Barnett & Hellmuth Holdings, the open-cast coal mining and property group, to accompany the interim figures on Thursday.

Difficult conditions in Germany, including a price war and a huge duty increase in the middle of last year, will continue to overshadow the results of tobacco group Rothmans International when it reports for the first half on Wednesday.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Marking time in the markets

The Treasury's latest forecast is for a current account surplus of £500m in 1983. Since the surplus in the first three quarters was £568m this implies a small current account (and bigger visible) deficit for the rest of the year.

expecting between £18m and £20m pre-tax against just £7.4m last time. But results in the second half, when trading was hit by the hot summer, are bound to be dull by comparison with the first when the group made £12.8m.

Johnson Matthey, the bullion trading and printing group, is expected to produce interim pretax profits of £15m against £17.8m at the comparable stage last year.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Is merger mania the bull market's swansong?

A few weeks ago, it was hardly possible to have a conversation in the City or read the Sunday financial pages without being regaled with some rumour about the latest part of the public sector about to be thrust into private hands.

Anyone with a chunk of stock in a company that seems to be sagging thinks first of starting a bid rumour to get himself out at a profit. But there has to be an atmosphere in which any takeover seems possible and, preferably, a few substantial lines of stock floating around, for the wilder rumours to have any plausibility at all.

The atmosphere certainly exists, created by, to name a few, the apparently unlikely bids for Thomas Tilling, P & O and Eagle Star. There are plenty of companies around with takeover ambitions and cash or a high share price born of the bull market.

There are plenty of potential victim companies, some with large assets and depressed but improved profits, others where retirements have created a vacuum at the top, yet more where managements have cleaned up companies in difficulties without yet earning full appreciation of their efforts in terms of their stock market values.

The latest crop of rumours ranges from the highly possible to the wildly improbable. Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Group could bid for Burmah, as could others, but the rumours have been going round for some time.

Mr Jimmy Gulliver of Argyll Foods might like to bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, but would probably not get away with it. The tobacco group BAT might like to add Royal Bank of Scotland to its bid for Eagle Star, but could not plausibly do it for some time.

Associated British Foods has denied bid intentions for Tate & Lyle, which has taken great pains to explain its progress around the City.

As readers of The Times' prediction of the Trafalgar bid for P & O will be aware, enough rumours do turn into realities to keep speculators in business. But the current rash of takeover tips also has a more depressing message.

Bowater, another currently touted victim was last involved in a merger extravaganza exactly 11 years ago, when its ill-starred reverse takeover of Ralli International marked the dying gasps of that bull market in shares on the stock exchange.

Takeover rumours have a nasty habit of reaching a frenzied pitch only when hopes of more conventional rises in share prices are petering out.

Unwinding Lord Leverhulme

The objective is simple, but the means are horribly complicated. Unilever wants to protect the charitable status of the Will Trust of the first Viscount Leverhulme against the deprivations of taxes undreamed of when the will was drawn up.

The Chancery Division in the High Court has agreed to changes which allow the trust to continue indefinitely instead of expiring in the year 2039. Shareholders

have to vote next month to cancel and then, paradoxically, restore the critical 14 per cent of Unilever's shares. Finally the Inland Revenue has to agree.

If all goes according to plan, charities - mainly scholarships for higher education and research - will continue to receive about £4m a year.

Changes are necessary largely because of capital transfer tax to which the trust would become liable in 1985. It would be faced with having to sell some of the Unilever shares it holds (amounting in all to 18 per cent of the equity) to pay CTT, and incur capital gains tax to boot. Both capital and income would drop and worry causes made to suffer.

Of the 18 per cent of Unilever's equity held by the trust, the income from 14 per cent is attributable to a wholly-owned subsidiary called Associated Enterprises Ltd (AEL). The dividends on these shares are waived and thus effectively retained for the benefit of all shareholders. The balance of the trust's stake (4 per cent) provides income for charities.

Under the changes proposed the 14 per cent stake benefiting AEL will be cancelled but the same number of new shares will be created to bring the issued capital back up to its original figure. Unilever's earnings per share have always been calculated without counting the AEL interest so that part of the exercise should cause few problems.

The Leverhulme family interest in the trust will be converted into a special class of shares which can be converted into ordinary shares in 2038. The proposals relate only to Unilever plc and not to Unilever NV.

Unilever seems to have found a neat, if complex, solution to a difficult problem. If I were a Unilever shareholder I would not worry about it.

Well-ried communication

Barclays' decision to alert the world that it is a seller of 20 per cent of Mercury Telecommunications could not have been timed better.

Fears the Mercury may have to battle it out in the market place with competitors other than British Telecom were allayed on Thursday when Mr Kenneth Baker, Information and Technology Minister, announced that for the next seven years at least, there will only be two companies providing telecommunications services - the BT giant and the Mercury pigmy.

This restriction must increase the value of the 20 per cent of Mercury which Barclays Merchant Bank is now anxious to offload. But how BMB fulfils its original aim of being a short term holder, however, is still unclear.

Suggestions of a public floatation look premature. So are reports that the major shareholders, Cable & Wireless and BF, will automatically take up their preemptive rights.

So far, the three participants have put up a combined total of £90m. By the end of next year the total investment is expected to be near £200m.

Barclays is presumably looking for at least £20m. It might count itself lucky to get more. Mercury's prospects, even in a highly controlled market for telecommunications services, dim a little as BT prepares for its privatization change.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistan to press for \$20bn aid

Pakistan will seek \$20 billion (£13 billion) for a five-year development plan when a World Bank consortium of 11 nations meets in Paris next month, Mr Mahbub ul Haq, the country's Planning Minister, said yesterday.

The money was needed, Mr Haq said, to finance several projects in the country's sixth development plan, launched last July at an estimated cost of 495 billion rupees (26 billion).

Last April, the consortium members, which include Britain and the US, pledged \$1.4 billion to Pakistan for the financial year which started on July

International banks have committed more than \$5.8 billion (£3.9 billion) to a planned \$6.5 billion loan for Brazil, Mr William Rhodes, chairman of the country's 14-bank advisory committee, said.

The Government has created a vicious circle as a result of "clever politicking" that would force the country out of the civil aircraft manufacturing business, according to Mr Ken Gill, the general secretary of Tass, the white collar section of the engineering union. The aircraft industry would, he said, become sub-contractors for American companies, if ministers did not agree inject about £400m of launch aid into the proposed European Airbus A320 airliner in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake.

Gas Price increases need not be as high as the 5 per cent proposed, according to the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association. It says that up to £100m a year is used by the gas industry from profits to subsidize central heating installations work and servicing by the regional boards.

Singer & Friedlander assets may top £50m

By Graham Seargeant

Singer & Friedlander, the accounting house put up for sale last week, is likely to show a net worth of around £50m when final sales documents are drawn up by S G Warburg, the rival merchant bank, in two to three weeks.

Singer's last balance sheet showed net assets of £37m. But profits this year will show a strong improvement on last year's £4.5m and the balance sheet will also make allowance for hidden reserves and higher property values, notably the bank's new City headquarters. Hidden reserves are unlikely to be shown separately.

Since European Ferries announced the sale, in order to concentrate its business on shipping, the port of Felixstowe and property, Singer and Warburg have had a constant

stream of inquiries. So far about eight of them are considered serious.

Singer has let it be known that it does not want to be taken over by an American bank and is not thought to welcome a link with money broking groups, which are thought to be interested. Nor does it welcome the group being organized by ventureur Mr Michael Ashcroft and Mr David Wickins, head of British Car Auctions.

When European Ferries bought Singer from the Bowring insurance broking group for £23.5m in 1980, it paid slightly less than the bank's true asset value. But in the changed climate of ferment in financial services, European Ferries will be hoping to sell at a premium over asset value.

Brent crude makes London futures debut

Oil exchange opens today

By Our Financial Staff

A new kind of crude oil trading begins in London today as the International Petroleum Exchange starts its first crude oil futures contract.

Proponents of the new contract claim that it is part of a revolution in the oil industry that will allow the play of market demand and supply on the exchange to have a greater influence on the administered price decision of oil producing countries.

But critics, especially among the big oil companies, believe the new futures trading will merely attract financial speculators and could lead to greater oil price volatility. The new contract is based on

oil from the North Sea Brent field, the crude most actively traded on the European free spot market and the most sensitive to price fluctuations.

The contract is the first offered outside the United States. It works in the same way as in the other futures markets that have been trading in the City for decades and cover commodities ranging from gold to potatoes.

Traders at the IPE will contract to buy or sell agreed quantities of high quality sweet crude oil, deliverable on a specified date up to six months ahead.

Traders already refer to Brent as "the futures crude", because

Retailers look set to experience a record Christmas spending spree. According to the latest investigations by the Confederation of British Industry, almost 80 per cent of shopowners expect this month's sales to be up on a year ago.

The CBI's survey of the distributive trades, published today, also reveals that the high street boom has begun to spread to a wide cross-section of wholesalers, including those who supply industry, and may be an indication that the gradual economic recovery will continue to be consumer-led for months to come.

Although the survey is in its infancy, unlike the much respected CBI quarterly industrial trends survey, government ministers are likely to seize on the results as a counter to suggestions - and some tentative warnings from the CBI

Packer buys 10% stake in TV-am

By Jonathan Clark

The Aitken family temporarily increased its stake in TV-am to almost 30 per cent during the troubled breakfast television station's financial reconstruction, while awaiting the advent of a new shareholder, which emerged as Mr Kerry Packer, the Australian media owner.

It was confirmed yesterday that Mr Packer's Consolidated Press had taken a 10 per cent stake in TV-am last Friday for £1m. One shareholder said: "It is not rumour, it is fact."

The majority of the shares came from Aitken Telecommunications, the Aitken family company. Mr Timothy Aitken is TV-am's chief executive.

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The Aitken family despite Friday's deal, is still marginally the biggest shareholder in the company, with about 20 per cent.

Fleet Holdings, the newspaper company which includes the Daily Express, Daily Star and Sunday Express, also has 20 per cent, bought three weeks ago for £2m.

Final figures have still to be juggled and it is likely that the Aitken family and Fleet will end up as "first equals."

Fleet was aware that Mr Packer was likely to become a shareholder when it bought its shareholding.

The Packer stake completes the reconstruction of TV-am and no new shareholders are now expected to emerge. Mr Packer has two Australian television stations and they are likely to contribute material to TV-am. But the present formula, which has built up the audience to 1.1 million, is unlikely to be changed to broadcast, say, Australian sport over British breakfasts. Mr Packer's company will also put a director on the TV-am board.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, who owns The Times through News International, is also said to have expressed interest in investing in TV-am, but wanted a company with direct involvement in satellite broadcasting.

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Spending boom spreading to wholesalers, says CBI

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

For this month compared with last year.

The survey, covering 678 distributors including 265 retailers, tends to confirm weekly end reports that Christmas trading has begun early, with microcomputers, videos and television games among the products most in demand.

Some large shops, even in the depressed West Midlands, are said to be reporting sales increases of 25 per cent compared with the same time last year.

The CBI figures show that throughout the distributive trades, companies have been caught out by the speed of the rise in demand. In September, a positive balance of 42 per cent expected the October sales volume to be up; in the event, the balance turned out to be 54 per cent. A similar increase in sales volume is now predicted

itself - that the recovery might be faltering.

On the buoyant retail front, the volume of orders placed with suppliers was significantly higher than in the same month a year ago, giving a positive balance of 49 per cent of retailers saying they had stepped up orders. A similar increase is expected in the year to the end of November.

Among wholesalers, a positive balance of 70 per cent reported an increase in sales in the year to the end of last month, much higher than the 32 per cent predicted in September. The CBI says: "Significantly, these increases are reported across all parts of wholesaling, including the industrial categories."

In turn, wholesalers expect their demand to manufacturers

to rise steadily. This month, 57 per cent said their orders to suppliers would increase and 50 per cent expect stocks to rise, compared with a year ago.

An uncertain picture is presented, however, by the motor trade, which appears to be losing impetus since the record August boom in car sales. In October, 48 per cent said sales were down on a year earlier and 47 per cent reported a rise in stocks.

This month, 35 per cent of motor traders expect sales to be down compared with November last year and 42 per cent plan to reduce their orders to suppliers.

Despite the healthy signs in the distributive trades, industrialists are still concerned that without an increase in activity in the basic manufacturing sectors, the retail boom will serve to suck in more imports.

Rising home loans 'will fuel spending'

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Mortgage lending is likely to go on rising rapidly, fueling consumer spending and helping to sustain the recovery and output, the London Business School predicts today.

In a new publication, Financial Outlook, which traces the financial flows underlying the LBS economic forecasts, it says the outstanding stock of housing loans will grow by 30 per cent in real terms over the next three years, with much of the extra lending leaking into general consumption.

This, and continuing low inflation, will help keep the savings ratio (the proportion of income saved) at around present low levels of 8 per cent, the LBS says, ensuring that rising real incomes are transferred into increased spending.

The Treasury, too, believes that inflation, together with lower interest rates, will keep savings down, because lower inflation means consumers need to save less to maintain the real value of their financial wealth.

Its forecast for 2.5 per cent growth for consumer spending in 1984, after 2.5 per cent this year, relies, both on a small further fall in savings and a rise in real after-tax incomes. Despite the slowdown, consumer spending is still expected to be the biggest single component of the 3 per cent growth in

national output forecast for 1984.

The LBS says company profits will continue to rise rapidly over the next two years. It expects companies to invest more at home and to acquire more foreign assets, now that they have the funds to do so.

But the LBS also believes that investment abroad by financial institutions will be cut back because portfolios now contain the desired proportion of overseas stocks and shares, and that foreigners will step up their investment in Britain.

"So there is no net reduction in finance available in this country," the Financial Outlook concludes.

In a special "viewpoint" the Outlook's editor, Mr Giles Keating, argues that cutting public borrowing will not result in lower interest rates without a radical change in financial management. He recommends the creation of a "silt famine" to bring interest rates down at the long end of the market and thus revive the corporate bond market.

The Government's own borrowing needs to dampen monetary growth in the face of high bank lending is self-defeating, Mr Keating argues, because it keeps long term rates high and depresses short term rates, further encouraging bank lending.

New blow to Wibau as chief executive resigns

By Our Financial Staff

Wibau, the troubled West German cement equipment manufacturer, and its parent company, IBH - in which British companies hold a 23 per cent stake - was hit further at the weekend by the sudden resignation of Herr Roland Spicka, the chief executive.

The founder and chief executive of IBH, Herr Horst-Dieter Esch, said the departure followed disagreements with West German banks about Wibau's accounts.

Both IBH and Wibau are in receivership following the near collapse this month of the company's principal bank, Schroeder, Muenchmeyer, Hengst (SMH). Last week, more than 800 of the 2,500 workers at the

three British subsidiaries of IBH were told they would be laid off.

Herr Spicka's resignation came as the committee of banks now running SMH was reviewing an application for a loan to meet Wibau's immediate liquidity needs. Wibau has been seeking a loan of Dm6m (about £1.5m) in advance of a decision expected this week from the Hesse state government whether to grant a credit guarantee of Dm50m.

Last Friday, a meeting between Herr Esch and the banks was inconclusive, although yesterday (Sunday) was reported as saying that the interim loan, now cut to Dm3m, had been approved.

Brittan to check on Manx crisis

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, is likely to discuss the effects of the succession of banking crises on the Isle of Man's economy when he visits the island this Thursday.

Since the failure of the Savings and Investment Bank and the subsequent collapse of smaller banks, cash has been drained from the island by investors.

The visit is primarily intended to establish contact between Mr Brittan as the new Home secretary and the Manx Government. As a Privy Councillor, he is the island's link with the Queen.

Banking and insurance normally contributes about one-quarter of the island's income. Investors who had lost money in the collapses were all told action was the responsibility of the Manx authorities.

The Manx Government recently eased some of the tough restrictions it placed on the issue of banking and deposit-taking licences after the collapses.

The Isle of Man's pioneering plastic £1 note is due to enter circulation on Wednesday. The notes are printed on a material developed by Bradbury, Wilkinson - a firm of banknote makers - and Du Pont, the US chemical company.

The life of the note has been put at five to 15 years and it is expected to be popular with the public which dislikes coins - the Isle of Man has had a £1 coin for four years.

ECU bond launching

Copenhagen (Reuter) - The European Community's 10-year bond of 75 million European currency units will be split into two parts and is expected to be launched today, the joint lead-manager, Sparekassen SDS, reported.

A total of 50 million currency units will carry an 11 per cent coupon and be priced at par; the rest will carry a low coupon of about 6 per cent and a premium redemption to yield almost 11 per cent.

The second issue is expected to be floated on the Copenhagen bourse.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

Change on week
FT Index 721.4 down 3.7
FT 1000 83.15 down 0.55
FT All Share 452.18 down 1.3
Bargains: 17.902
Datastream USM Leaders Index 95.05 down 1.46
New York: Dow Jones Average 1251.02 up 0.82
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,386.68 up 81.05
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 868.49 up 21.55
Amsterdam: 145.4 down 2.1
Sydney: AO Index 713 up 0.6
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1009.3 down 6.5
Brussels: General Index 127.11 up 4.23
Paris: CAC Index 144.8 up 2.7
Zurich: SKA General 295.1 up 5.1

CURRENCIES

Change on week
LONDON
Sterling \$1.4700 down 175pts
DM 3.3725 down 0.5
DM 3.9725 down 0.01
FF 12.050 down 0.005
Yen 347.00 down 3.50
Dollar Index 128.7 up 0.7
DM 2.7040
NEW YORK
Sterling \$1.4655
Dollar DM 2.7082
INTERNATIONAL
ECU 0.568519
SDRO 709303

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am \$376.25 pm \$375.25
Close \$376.00 (£255.75)
New York (latest): \$377.50
Kruggerand (per coin):
\$386.50-388.00 (£263.00-264.00)
Sovereigns* (new):
\$88.50-88.50 (£60.25-61.00)
*Excludes VAT

ANNUAL MEETINGS

TODAY - Resource Technology, 24 Austin Friars, EC2 (10 am).
WEDNESDAY - Barratt Developments, Savoy Hotel, Strand, WC2 (noon).
THURSDAY - Amstrad Consumer Electronics, The Northumberland Suite, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, 748 High Road, Tottenham, N1 (3 pm); Goodman Brothers, The Westbury Hotel, Conduit Street, W1 (noon); John Mansueto Construction, Midland Hotel, Peter Street, Manchester (noon); TSW-Television South West Holdings, The Studios, Dorry Cross, Plymouth (2.30).
FRIDAY - Great Universal Stores, Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2 (noon); M. F. Kent, The Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol (noon); Manson Finance Trust, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1 (noon).



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RUGBY UNION: ALL BLACKS AND WALLABIES GO DOWN UNDER ON THEIR TOUR OF EUROPE

No competition for the big battalions

There were no major upsets in the first round of the Scotch Rugby Cup to compete for Saturday night's headlines from Twickenham...

Late try flatters uneasy France

Paris (AFP) - France, unable to capitalise on a constant first half pressure, lost to Australia by a goal and three penalty goals to a penalty goal and a dropped goal in the second and final international at the Parc des Princes...



Take that: a beleaguered Colclough gets the ball back to Youngs

Morgan drops a hint

Derek Morgan, chairman of the England selectors, paid tribute after the game to the work of the divisional players, coaches and selectors who had accepted a pattern of play from the national selectors...

Welsh plans disrupted by injury

Injuries to key players yesterday caused John Bevan and Terry Cobner, the Wales coaches, to cut short squad training in preparation for the match against France B...

Orrell are possessive

Harrogate returned to Yorkshire on Saturday evening with the knowledge that they had encountered an invulnerable force, the Orrell pack, unable to be shifted...

Gass shows his worth

Wheeler will be out of rugby for five weeks after cracking a small bone in the elbow...

The Bailey blues

Blackheath's marauding flanker had sown the seeds of Cambridge's defeat as early as the second minute. From a tapped penalty on the 22-metre line a large scrum followed...

Wasps pack dominant

Paul Rendall, the Wasps prop, and John Carr, the Bristol wing, were probably missing the county championship semi-final round match between Gloucestershire and Middlesex next Saturday...

MacNeill in pain

Hugo MacNeill, the Oxford captain, looked distinctly worried after his swingeing defeat by four goals and five tries to three goals on Saturday...

WEEKEND RESULTS

Table with columns for International matches, Welsh Rugby Union Cup, Club matches, and Scottish first division. It lists various teams and their scores.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Featherstone Rovers have taken a brilliant individual try two minutes from time by Deryck Fox, the 18-year-old half back...

SQUASH RACKETS

The main event in the inaugural individual championships of the Combined Services was inevitably won by Robbie Robinson...

FOR THE RECORD

Boxing: World Junior amateur championships Light middleweight: Steve Grogan (Wales) 5-0, 5-0, 5-0, 5-0, 5-0, 5-0.

IN BRIEF

Czech girls to retire: Vienna (Austria) - The two Czechoslovak girls who won gold medals in the Helsinki Olympic Championships in Helsinki last August...

Table with columns for BASKETBALL, BOXING, ETON FIVES, ICE SKATING, MOTOR RACING, TENNIS, and VOLLEYBALL. It lists various sports events and results.

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FOOTBALL: WHY THE RICH GET RICHER AS THE POOR GET POORER

The red dawn of the super-league

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Luton.....2 Tottenham.....4 The dawn of the superleague, tinged appropriately with red, has broken and the chairman who irrationally resisted its arrival may reflect that they helped to usher in its eight months ago.

Town, locked in an enthralling contest at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. Tottenham were without internationals from five different nations - Ardiles, Mabbutt, Galvin (who will miss the UEFA Cup tie against Bayern Munich on Wednesday), Brazil and Price (who may not) - as well as Brooke and Hazard. Yet they could still dig into their extensive reserves and produce two 18-year-old wingers, Dick and Cooke, capped as youths by their country.

justified. The referee's first debatable decision, to award a penalty against Stephens for accidental hand-ball, began it all but Hoddle succeeded only in shuddering at a post. Cooke ("a terrific little prospect who looks about twelve", Burkinshaw said, and not to be confused with Crook, Crooks, now on loan at United, or Brooke) gave Tottenham the lead 32 minutes into his first appearance. Hill, Walsh, and Stein, who struck the same post with his penalty, all failed to take opportunities to equalize.

dropped only four points and have risen 14 places. Their threat to Liverpool and United will become even more menacing this week if they succeed in tempting Olsen away from Ajax. Pleat, who looked significantly at the results of those at the bottom of the table, smiled at the prospect and said: "We would love to buy a left sided midfielder player like that but we would go broke."

Late goal puts the Germans into finals

West Germany.....2 Albania.....1

Saarbrücken (Reuter) - West Germany scraped into the finals of the European Championship at Northern Ireland's expense yesterday when a goal 10 minutes from time by Strack beat an Albanian side who led 10-0.

Verma a taker and maker of chances

By Sydney Friskin

Herthoise, Cambridgehire.....2 Norwich City.....0 Norwich Verma, a Kenyan international, had an eventful afternoon yesterday at St Albans in the East final of the county championship. He scored the first Cambridgehire goal, earned himself a yellow card for a rash challenge, and made the second goal three minutes from the end.

Striving for better results without a drop in standards

The renaissance of Corinthian-Casuals in their centenary year - Casuals being founded one year after the legendary Corinthians - was no less notable in the FA Cup at the Dulwich Hamlet ground on Saturday than the previous decades of Bristol City, who performed with a total absence of professional élan.

was being achieved at the expense of those red but sometimes intangible attitudes to sportsmanship which gave the two clubs, before their 1939 amalgamation, such cherished identity. In the past two years under the energetic first-team management of Billy Smith, long-standing delinquent of Covent Garden flower market and the non-League London football scene, the club has engaged many improved players through his shrewd eye for quality, and the abysmal results of the past 10 years have been forgotten. Yet so, it seemed, had some of the ethics.



About to pounce: Gray (left) of Casuals tries to stop Newman's progress

players: Collespring, out of Sunday football, is a powerful defender who has been recruited by Casuals. He is a former player of Tottenham Hotspur and has been playing for Casuals since he was 16.

much they are making a convenience of the famous Corinthian ideal. Are they really Corinthian-Casuals? Or are they just a social services organization?

the Southern Amateur League and maintain ethics in a more modest setting. Yet there are sufficient of my former contemporaries involved with the club to persuade me that for the moment there is justification for trying to stay at a higher level, and to introduce the Corinthian ideal into Smith's outstanding practicality.

The worst thing Halifax did was to go 2-0 up

Halifax Town will long regret taking a 2-0 lead after 58 minutes, three of them away from home. In the first round of the FA Cup on Saturday, thirteen minutes later the fourth division side were trailing 3-2 and the end could have lost by a wider margin.

second round five years ago and Barret (against Bristol Rovers) in the first round of the FA Cup first division game's most prolific goalscorer, earned Harrow Borough a 1-0 victory at Yeovil Town in their first appearance in the first round, but another Isthmian League club, Windsor and Eton, were drawn from the first round by winning 2-1 at Burton Albion. For a club with their ground in Windsor Great Park, the Duke of Edinburgh as their patron and nicknamed the Royals, it was fitting that Barret should score the winning goal.

efforts of Carter, Lewis and Reid. Poole were accomplished in defence, too, with Merrick and Mulkenra the pick of the home back four, cutting out Aldridge. Newport's danger man, Courtney almost made Poole's day complete in the 71st minute, but he shot weakly after providing with the only really clear-cut chance of a goal.

Not many non-League sides would relish an away match against Bristol Rovers, who currently lead the Third Division and have the only 100 percent home record in the league. However, they can hardly be held Rovers to a draw with a performance full of skill and enterprise at Underhill on Saturday. The Alliance Premier League side are keen to prove they can play even better.

But the referee, who stole three points from Ipswich as surely as if they had been picked.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Table with multiple columns: F.A. Cup (first round), First division, Second division, Scottish premier division, Scottish first division, Scottish second division, and various league tables with scores and points.

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By Nicholas Harding

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Goals galore at Leicester

By Sydney Friskin

Leicester have had a field day on Saturday in their first championship match. They beat Worcester 11-0. Not since the year has there been such a score by any county side. Joyce Whiteman, writing six weeks ago, predicted that Leicester would have gone dormant for a quarter of an hour before coming back strongly to score another five and they missed only a penalty stroke.

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Celtic fizzle out again

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic travel to England for the first leg of the UEFA Cup tie with Nottingham Forest on Wednesday with the jeers of their supporters and the angry criticism of their manager David Hayring in their ears. The usual plea that Celtic was so furious with Celtic's inept display in their 4-2 defeat at St Mirren that he snapped: "If we play the Celtic in Europe until they are in the face of spirited attacks from the revitalized St Mirren side."

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Dickinson sets up switch to Flat Owner's faith in White is repaid

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Michael Dickinson: sad to be leaving Yorkshire and National Hunt racing

This latest move by Mr Sangster is entirely in keeping with his policy of employing the top professionals in the sport which he has turned into such a lucrative business...

Dickinson is going to have a busy time as he continues to concentrate his attention on producing his usual spate of winners under National Hunt rules...

to Whatcombe on a five-year contract. It's all been worked out in detail with Mr Sangster. I'm going to have 45-50 horses in the first year...

Mr Sangster's policy has always been one of achieving success by selectivity rather than by sheer weight of numbers. And he is not a believer in the efficiency of the present 140-horse-power units...

Owner's faith in White is repaid

By Michael Seely

The victory of the Tsarevitch in the H & Walker Goldens chase at Ascot on Saturday provided a notable landmark in the career of Nicky Henderson...

The winning tactics were planned by Henderson and the winning jockey, John White, beforehand. The idea was to use the Tsarevitch's experience to lead his rivals' jumping...

Disappointment for Michael Dickinson, the National Hunt trainer who was made 85-40 favourite, Auriculus Hurdle on the strength of his wins at Cheltenham and Newbury finished unplaced behind...

When the ideal is so close cold criticism seems carping

By John Hennessy

Jayne Torville and Christopher Dean, world ice dance champions for three years, face a new test of character. For the first time since they won the title in the 1980/81 season...

He has reservations about the absence of any change of tempo, accompanying his remarks with the formulaic qualification that "I am no connoisseur of ice dancing rules..."



Champions by any stretch of the imagination. Jayne Torville and Christopher Dean

second for artistic impression, is not only an accolade in itself but a sure recognition of the fact that there is no breach of rule...

CRICKET

Davis puts West Zone in trouble

Kolhapur, India (Reuters)—The fast bowler, West Indies' Dennis Lillee, has put the West Indians in trouble on the second day of their three-day match against West Zone yesterday...

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CROSS COUNTRY

Hutchings tests the selectors

Tim Hutchings, the national champion, has given the cross-country selectors plenty of time to nominate on whether to grant him a free passage to the world championships in New York next March...

But the tide turned with a spirited last wicket partnership of 63 between Asrar Ali, who made 39, and Mohammad Nazir (20).

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A winning tradition at Whatcombe

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The sale of Whatcombe has been handled by Christopher Stephenson, who was also responsible for the sales of Ferrus and Bellair Studs in Ireland and the United States to Khalid Abdulla and the Derwinston Stud (of Arke fame) in Ireland to the Maktooms family...

legendary Dick Dawson, it became the home of some of the most famous horses in the stud books, whose owners were some of the great patrons of the turf.

the best in the country. They total about 250 acres and provide as much variety as anyone would wish.

Leaders over the jumps

By Michael Seely

Earlier in the afternoon John Francoeur had once again exalted himself when capturing the Kettle Gate Hurdle on Grandification. The favourite, Young Daniel, spoils his chances both by running too freely in the early stages and by blundering at the final flight of hurdles...

Windsor

Racing results for Windsor, including 1.0 ROYAL BOROUGH HURDLE and 1.30 RUSSELL HURDLE.

Leicester

Racing results for Leicester, including 12.45 JUNIOR HURDLE and 1.15 BRITAIN INGLETS HURDLE.

Warwick

Racing results for Warwick, including 2.0 SALT HILL CHASE and 2.30 WHITE HART HURDLE.

Windsor

Racing results for Windsor, including 1.0 FAST SERVICE and 1.30 END OF EAR.

Leicester

Racing results for Leicester, including 12.45 FAIR PATRIOT and 1.15 STEEL KID.

Warwick

Racing results for Warwick, including 2.0 FAST SERVICE and 1.30 END OF EAR.

IN BRIEF

Watson loses play-off: Miyazaki, Japan (Reuters)—Chen Tze-Ming (Taiwan) beat the British Open champion, Tom Watson (United States), on the first hole of a sudden-death play-off to win the Miyazaki open golf tournament yesterday.

TENNIS

Crowd lifts American

After what must have ranked as one of the more anxious matches of her life Carol Danieles of the United States, on Saturday defeated Isabel Cotto, of West Germany, 6-1, 6-7, 6-4 to win the LTA's international satellite event at Matchpoint, Manchester (Lewie Mair writes).

Windsor selections: By Our Racing Staff. 1.0 Fast Service, 1.30 End Of Ear, 2.0 Ballymore, 2.30 Skylander, 3.0 Stuck For Words, 3.30 Norfolk Ream.

Leicester selections: By Our Racing Staff. 12.45 Fair Patriot, 1.15 Steel Kid, 1.45 The Lady's Master, 2.15 Le Fort, 2.45 Mignator, 3.15 Noble Philip.

Warwick: 2.0 Fast Service, 1.30 End Of Ear, 2.0 Ballymore, 2.30 Skylander, 3.0 Stuck For Words, 3.30 Norfolk Ream.

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Solicitors should not blindly follow counsel

Davy-Chiesman v Davy-Chiesman

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Dillon

[Judgment delivered November 18]

A solicitor nominated to act for a litigant in receipt of legal aid owed a duty to inform the Legal Aid Committee of any change in circumstances which could substantially affect the litigation's chance of success in the litigation. A solicitor who failed in that duty could be ordered to bear personally the costs of his own client or of another party to the litigation.

Although the solicitor was in many circumstances protected from personal liability if he had acted on the advice of experienced counsel properly instructed. That was inherent in the division of the profession into two local branches, a division which in his Lordship's experience was normally highly beneficial to the litigant and to the community at large.

But the protection to the solicitor was not automatically total. The solicitor was highly trained and expected to be experienced in his particular fields of law and he did not abdicate his responsibility when he acted on the advice of counsel.

In the present case, the fact that he was acting on counsel's advice must absolve the solicitor from liability in respect of the grant in March 1982 of legal aid for the personal liability if he had acted on the advice of experienced counsel he could not be exonerated if he blindly followed the views expressed by counsel without exercising his own independent judgment.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by the Law Society (Legal Aid Fund) from a decision of Mr Justice Lacey given on February 3 1983, who had dismissed an application by the Law Society under Order 62, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in respect of the costs of certain proceedings between a divorced husband and wife.

The husband, who was made the subject of a criminal bankruptcy order, had been issued a legal aid certificate to enable him to be represented by a solicitor for financial provision from his wife and access to the child of the marriage. That certificate was limited to preparation of papers for counsel and counsel's opinion.

Counsel, Mr J. J. Davis, after a conference on February 26, 1982 advised in a written opinion dated March 2, 1982 that no lump sum should be payable direct to the husband otherwise it would be taken immediately by the latter's trustee in bankruptcy.

The opinion was forwarded to the Law Society and the limitation was removed from the legal aid certificate on March 16, 1982. On April 19, 1982 the solicitor and his client attended a further conference with counsel who then advised that the application should be for a lump sum payable to the husband direct. That was the course pursued by counsel when the application was heard before the judge and dismissed.

The wife asked for her costs to be paid out of the Legal Aid Fund. The application for costs was adjourned to enable the Legal Aid Fund to make representations. The Law Society issued an application under Order 62, rule 8 that the husband should pay both the husband's and wife's costs personally. The judge dismissed the application.

Order 62, rule 8 (1) provides: "Subject to the following provisions of this rule, where in any proceedings costs are incurred improperly or without reasonable cause or are wasted by undue delay or by any other mistake or default, the court may make against any solicitor whom it considers to be responsible (whether personally or through a servant or agent) an order— (a) discharging the solicitor from the costs of his client; and (b) directing the solicitor to repay to his client costs which the client has been ordered to pay to other parties to the proceedings; or directing the solicitor personally to indemnify such other parties against costs payable by them."

Mr Swinton Thomas, QC and Mr Duncan Matheson for the Law Society (Legal Aid Fund); Mr Kenneth Machin, QC and Mr John Caudle for the solicitor; Mr Ian Kennedy, QC and Mr Iain Hughes for the Law Society contentious business committee as amici curiae.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that although the argument in the appeal ranged fairly widely over matters of principle, the only real issue was as to whether in the circumstances of the case the solicitor was entitled to be exonerated from liability because he acted throughout under the advice, and indeed under the domination, of experienced counsel properly instructed.

With respect to certain of the submissions which Mr Kennedy put before the court on behalf of the Law Society in its capacity of protector of the interests of practising solicitors engaged in contentious business, certain points were, in his Lordship's judgment, far beyond possibility of serious argument.

First the court had a jurisdiction, the basis of which was helpfully examined in *Currie and Co v The Law Society* (1977) 1QB 990) to order the solicitor for a party to litigation to bear personally the costs of his own client or of another party to the litigation.

Second, the circumstances in which that jurisdiction would be exercised had been expressed in slightly different language by different judges in *Myers v Elman* (1940) AC 281 and *Myers v Elman* (1940) AC 281 and *Myers v Elman* (1940) AC 281.

Third, unreasonably to initiate or continue an action when it had no or substantially no chance of success might constitute conduct attracting an exercise of the above jurisdiction.

Fourth, in general there was no reason in principle why the fact that a solicitor was acting under a legal aid certificate should preclude the exercise of that jurisdiction.

Fifth, his judgment in the present case on the husband's application for financial provision against his wife, Mr Justice Lacey found, and was amply justified in finding, that the application was without any realistic prospect of success and that the husband should not have been pursued to it.

Sixth, a solicitor nominated to act for a litigant in receipt of legal aid owed a duty to inform the Legal Aid Committee of any change in circumstances as a result of which should not have been pursued to it.

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By Godfrey Golzen

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Lawson calls for radical review to boost economy

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter
Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, appeared confident yesterday that the Cabinet's decision to hold public spending to agreed levels for the next three years would allow for progressive tax cuts during the present Parliament if the steady growth of the economy was maintained, as he believed it would be.

Israeli jet shot down

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mountain road past Syrian artillery batteries at Aintoura, on the opposite side of the Mouton river valley on my way back to Beirut from the Bekaa, and found the sides of the hills to the south exploding with rocket fire. The first Israeli jets raced low over the mountain ledges as missiles began to sweep the skies past them.



Commodore Gerhardt on a South African beach and Mr Brian Mossell with his wife Patricia outside their Devon home.

MPs seek spy inquiry on South African officer

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Commodore Dieter Gerhardt, aged 47, who was born in Berlin, was arrested with his wife, Ruth, last January while commander of the dockyard at the Simonstown naval base.



Commodore Gerhardt on a South African beach and Mr Brian Mossell with his wife Patricia outside their Devon home.

MPs seek spy inquiry on South African officer

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The British task force off the Falklands last year to the Russians, who could then have relayed it to Argentina, Commodore Gerhardt could have contributed to the sinking of HMS Sheffield and HMS Coventry.

Redundancy sought by 30,000 miners

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In the current issue of The Miner, the NUM's newspaper, Mr Scargill argues that the action has been "more drastic and devastating" for management than anyone had expected.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events
Princess Anne opens the Department of Education and Science's Presentation on Microelectronics Education Programme in the Grand Hotel, Bristol, 11; and later visits the Bristol Telecommunications Business Centre, on the 25th anniversary of Subscriber Trunk Dialling, in Telephone Avenue, Bristol, 1.35.

The Times/Halifax house price index
Average regional prices of second-hand houses (last seasonally adjusted)
North 25,779 11.8 11.2 3.9

Weather forecast
An anticyclone near southern Iceland will move southeast towards northern Britain
6 am to midnight
London, central S, SW England, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Dry with sunny or clear periods; wind NE moderate; max temp 7 to 8C (45-46F).



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,292
ACROSS
1 Soft wool, as found in church pool (8).

Roads
Wales and West: A30: Temporary traffic lights and single-line traffic between Ochampton and Launceston Road and between Liffon and Liffon Down, A4061: Single-line traffic and temporary lights on Hirwaun to Tynenydd, Rhigos Mountain Road, A368: traffic restrictions at Burlington Combe on West Harpurce to Churchhill Road, Avon.

Walks for the week
Today: Dickens's London (ends in a pub), meet Holborn Underground, 11. Haunted London - a Ghost Walk (ends in a pub), meet Covent Garden Underground, 7.30. Riverside Pubs, Prisons and Hidden Paths, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30.

High tides
Today
London Bridge 11.52 11.52 11.52 11.52
Aberdeen 11.52 11.52 11.52 11.52

Nature Notes
Long-tailed tits feed in busy flocks, constantly on the move; when they are all making their soft whispering noise, they sound like the wind itself passing through the branches. On playing fields, black-headed gulls sit in a line on grass posts after they have fed, all facing into the wind together; they preen, wag their tails, and sometimes stretch out a wing, dislodging a neighbour. Brent geese are back from the Arctic to winter on the East coast; they feed on eel-grass, Zostera, at low tide, preferring the roots, and often dropping the rest for wigwag and other duck to pick up.

The pound
Bank Buys Bank Sells
Australia \$ 1.67 1.59
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Lighting-up time
London 4.25 pm to 6.50 pm
Bristol 4.44 pm to 7.00 pm
Manchester 4.54 pm to 7.16 pm
Penzance 5.01 pm to 7.16 pm

Abroad
Athens 10.00 10.00 10.00 10.00
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The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,291 will appear next Saturday
1 Business horse right for a band of warriors (6).

Anniversaries
Voltaire, (François Marie Arouet) Paris, 1694; Sir Leslie Ward ('Spy'), caricaturist, London, 1851. Deaths: Henry Purcell, Composer, London, 1695; James Hogg the 'Ettrick Shepherd', poet, Altrive, Yarrow, 1835.

Bond winners
Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 24RZ 738899 (the winner lives in Surrey); £50,000: 1PW 62783 (Harrow); £25,000: 7EX 311924 (Co Down).

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Tomorrow
The Minister (above) is an interior designer of whom it has been said 'if he's a room down to about' Spectrum
\$6m award for drug victim's son
Police yesterday were investigating the death of a youth aged 17 who fell 50ft to the ground from a multi-story car park in Bracknell, Berkshire.

Queen hailed
A thousand white clad bodies at India's equivalent of Salisbury, Dartmouth, as the Queen arrived in the town as 'Maharani Elizabeth'.
Mirror's plea
Editors at the Daily Mirror are urging the international to sell off youth newspapers separate from the rest of the Mirror group.

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